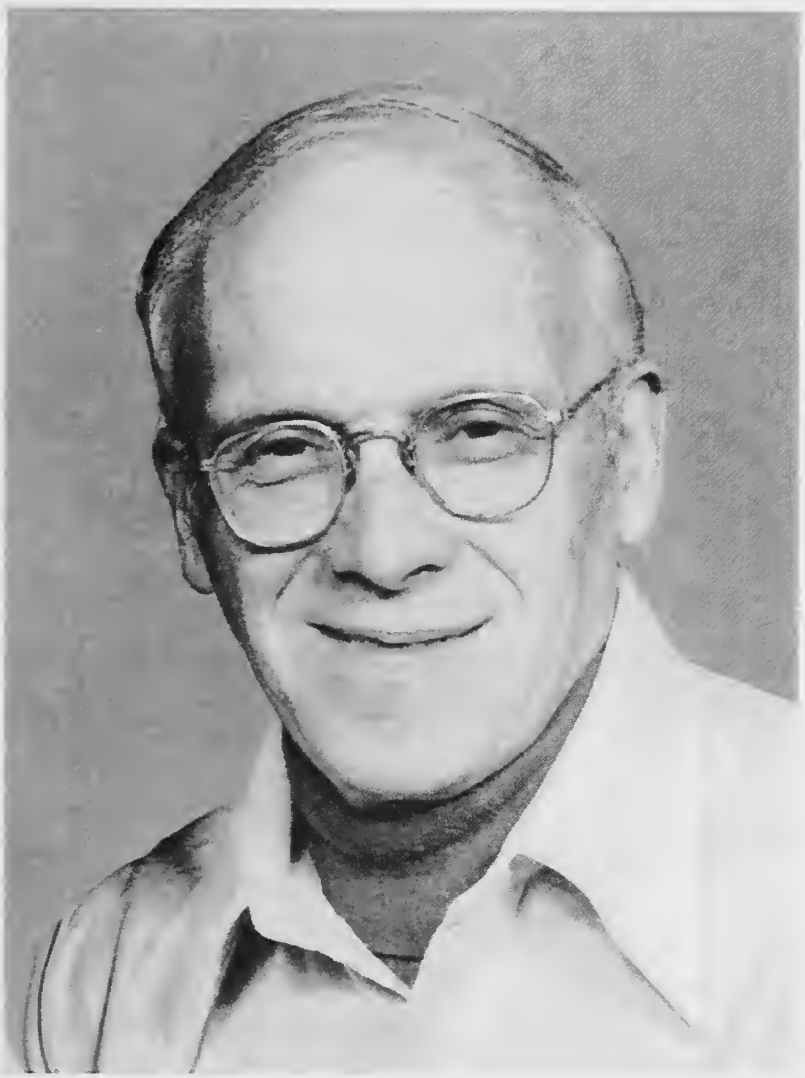
# TOWN OF

# WILLIAMSBURG

## Massachusetts

# 1998
# Annual Report

## EDWIN EVERETT



**"EDDIE"**

This year we pay tribute to a man who is well known to many, Edwin Everett. Ed is a native son, veteran of the Korean War, and believer of close family life. He serves as a member of the Finance Committee. He generously shares his talents and resources, fixing anything - whether it be the belfry of the church, the town police station, a sill at the Grist Mill Farm Museum, or a plea from an elderly person to repair a screen door, Ed will respond with undying dedication and rarely is there a bill! We are proud and thankful to have residents like Ed who give so much of themselves to the town they love.

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# TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

## INCORPORATED 1771

### 1998 OFFICERS

### SELECTMEN

Jeffrey S. Ciuffreda, Chairman
Bertil Liander, Clerk
Frederick K. Goodhue

### REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL COURT

Stephen Kulik (Worthington)
1st Franklin District
330 Montague City Road, Suite 102, Turners Falls, MA 01376
(413) 772-2727

### STATE SENATOR (FRANKLIN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT)

Stanley Rosenberg (Amherst)
1 Prince Street, Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-1649 ext 289

### UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

John W. Olver (Amherst)
1st District
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 532-7010

### UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy
2400 JFK Building, Boston, MA 02203
(617) 565-3170

John F. Kerry
145 State Street, Room 504, Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 785-4610

### GOVERNOR

A. Paul Cellucci
Western MA Office
436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 784-1200

**WILLIAMSBURG**
**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**
**141 Main Street, Haydenville**

**TOWN SECRETARY**, Bonnie Roberge, (413) 268-8400, Fax (413) 268-8409, is available to the public Monday through Thursday from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.

**TOWN COLLECTOR**, Teresa Barstow, (413) 268-8401, is available to the public Monday through Thursday from 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.

**TOWN CLERK**, Charlene Nardi, (413) 268-8402, is available to the public on Tuesday from 9:00a.m. to 2:30p.m., Wednesday from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m., and Thursday from 9:00a.m. to 12:00noon.

**ASSESSORS**, (413) 268-8403, are available on Tuesday mornings from 10:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. and Tuesday evenings from 7:30p.m.to 9:00p.m.

**HEALTH AGENT**, Maxine Schmidt, (413) 268-8404, is in Williamsburg on Wednesday.

**POLICE CHIEF**, Patrick Archbald, (413) 268-7237, holds office hours on Monday evening at 16 South Main Street, Haydenville between 6:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. **POLICE SECRETARY**, Karen Karowski, is available Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m. to 12:00noon.

**REGIONAL SENIOR CENTER**, Director Lynn Lenker, (413) 268-8407, holds office hours from 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. Monday through Friday.

**REGIONAL MEAL SITE**, Director Emma Hall, (413) 268-9326. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 11:45a.m.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**, Roger Bisbee, (413) 268-8405, is at 24 Main Street, Williamsburg, at the Highway Department. Highway Department hours are Monday through Friday 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.

**HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE**, Coordinator Eric Weiss, (413) 268-3845.

**TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER**, (413) 268-8408, is located on Mountain Street, Haydenville. Hours of Operation are as follows: Wednesdays – 11:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. (Summer only-starts first Wednesday in May) and 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Winter only-starts first Wednesday in October), and Saturdays 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (All year long)

*Please note that these times and days are subject to change. Banking, postal and other errands, along with lunch breaks, necessitate short absences that are unavoidable. We apologize for any inconveniences these absences may cause.*

# TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
# BOARD MEETING SCHEDULES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appeals Board | As Necessary |
| Assessors | Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. |
| Brassworks ReUse Committee | Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. |
| Conservation Commission | Bi-Monthly, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. |
| Council on Aging | Monthly, 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. |
| Finance Committee | Monthly, 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. |
| Health Board | Bi-Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. |
| Hilltown Resource Management Coop | Monthly, 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m. |
| Library Trustees | Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.<br>Alternating between Haydenville & Meekins Libraries |
| Local School Committee | Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. |
| Planning Board | Bi-Monthly, 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m. |
| Recreation Commission | As Necessary |
| Selectmen | Every other Monday, 7:00 p.m. |
| Trust Fund Commission | Every other Monday, 7:00 p.m. |
| Water/Sewer Commission | Every other Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. |

*Please note that some changes are made in scheduling to accommodate summer/winter scheduling. Many boards hold additional meetings as necessary. All meetings are posted by the town clerk on the bulletin board in the town office.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The following is a listing of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Williamsburg at June 30, 1998 and for the year then ended:

Combined Balance Sheet - All Funds and Account Groups

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental and Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Special Revenue Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Statement of Enterprise Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Retained Earnings

Statement of Expendable Trust Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Statement of General Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual

Detailed Statement of General Fund Expenditures - Budget and Actual

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Kielson
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG, MASSACHUSETTS**
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**
**JUNE 30, 1998**

| | Governmental Funds | | | Enterprise Funds | | Fiduciary Funds | Account Group | Totals (Memorandum Only) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | General | Special Revenue | Capital Projects | Water | Sewer | Trust and Agency | General Long-Term Debt | 1998 | 1997 |
| **ASSETS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash | $ 660,014 | $ 372,062 | $ 73,269 | $ 309,202 | $ 122,493 | $ 140,995 | $ - | $ 1,678,035 | $ 1,594,014 |
| Investments | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 1,574,311 | $ - | $ 1,574,311 | $ 1,430,093 |
| Taxes Receivable: | | | | | | | | | |
| Real property | $ 110,251 | | | | | | | $ 110,251 | $ 112,272 |
| Personal property | $ 1,190 | | | | | | | $ 1,190 | $ 907 |
| Tax rollbacks | | | | | | | | $ - | $ 22,480 |
| Tax deferrals | $ 4,669 | | | | | | | $ 4,669 | $ 5,678 |
| Tax liens | $ 26,145 | | | | | | | $ 26,145 | $ 16,489 |
| Tax possessions | $ 5,171 | | | | | | | $ 5,171 | $ 5,171 |
| | $ 147,426 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 147,426 | $ 162,997 |
| Allowance for abatements/exemptions | $ (18,813) | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ (18,813) | $ (28,152) |
| | $ 128,613 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 128,613 | $ 134,845 |
| Other Receivables: | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor vehicle and other excise | $ 21,920 | | | | | | | $ 21,920 | $ 23,105 |
| User charges | | | | $ 77,999 | $ 26,657 | | | $ 104,656 | $ 110,037 |
| Sewer betterments | $ 18,869 | | | | | | | $ 18,869 | $ 29,848 |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts | | $ 994 | | | | | | $ 994 | $ 11,115 |
| Other governments | | $ 15,857 | | | | | | $ 15,857 | $ 8,500 |
| Loans-Brassworks Re-Use Fund | | $ 271,319 | | | | | | $ 271,319 | $ 245,937 |
| Other | $ 856 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 856 | $ 914 |
| | $ 41,645 | $ 288,170 | $ - | $ 77,999 | $ 26,657 | $ - | $ - | $ 434,471 | $ 429,456 |
| Amounts to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 2,126,694 | $ 2,126,694 | $ 2,250,243 |
| **Total Assets** | $ 830,272 | $ 660,232 | $ 73,269 | $ 387,201 | $ 149,150 | $ 1,715,306 | $ 2,126,694 | $ 5,942,124 | $ 5,838,651 |

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 1998

| LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES | Governmental Funds | | | Enterprise Funds | | Fiduciary Funds | Account Group | Totals (Memorandum Only) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | General | Special Revenue | Capital Projects | Water | Sewer | Trust and Agency | General Long-Term Debt | 1998 | 1997 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Warrants payable | $ 94,483 | $ 13,128 | $ 14,082 | $ 4,201 | $ 2,863 | $ 8,036 | | $ 136,793 | $ 111,276 |
| Accounts payable | $ 18,828 | $ 1,200 | $ 3,721 | $ 1,570 | $ 41,910 | $ 1,839 | | $ 69,068 | $ 35,738 |
| Accrued payroll | $ 85,583 | $ 8,462 | | | | | | $ 94,045 | $ 137,992 |
| Voluntary tax payments | | | | | | | | $ - | $ 8,881 |
| Deferred revenue | $ 169,402 | $ 271,319 | | $ 77,999 | $ 26,657 | | | $ 545,377 | $ 543,772 |
| Long-term debt | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 2,126,694 | $ 2,126,694 | $ 2,250,243 |
| Total Liabilities | $ 368,296 | $ 294,109 | $ 17,803 | $ 83,770 | $ 71,430 | $ 9,875 | $ 2,126,694 | $ 2,971,977 | $ 3,087,902 |
| Fund Equity: | | | | | | | | | |
| Retained Earnings: | | | | | | | | | |
| Reserved for capital expenditures | | | | | $ (19,166) | | | $ (19,166) | $ 88,913 |
| Unreserved | | | | $303,431 | $ 96,886 | | | $ 400,317 | $ 327,979 |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | | | | | |
| Reserved: | | | | | | | | | |
| Encumbrances | $ 16,474 | | | | | | | $ 16,474 | $ 19,966 |
| Continuing appropriations | $ 22,396 | | | | | | | $ 22,396 | $ 25,492 |
| Endowments | | | | | | $ 368,308 | | $ 368,308 | $ 367,783 |
| Capital expenditures | | | $ 55,466 | | | | | $ 55,466 | $ 14,625 |
| Unreserved: | | | | | | | | | |
| Designated for subsequent year's expenditures | $ 115,003 | | | | | | | $ 115,003 | $ 78,129 |
| Designated - other | | $ 366,123 | | | | | | $ 366,123 | $ 387,932 |
| Appropriation deficits | | | | | | | | $ - | $ (16,609) |
| Undesignated | $ 308,103 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 1,337,123 | $ - | $ 1,645,226 | $ 1,456,539 |
| Total Fund Equity | $ 461,976 | $ 366,123 | $ 55,466 | $303,431 | $ 77,720 | $ 1,705,431 | $ - | $ 2,970,147 | $ 2,750,749 |
| **Total Liabilities & Fund Equity** | $ 830,272 | $ 660,232 | $ 73,269 | $387,201 | $149,150 | $ 1,715,306 | $ 2,126,694 | $ 5,942,124 | $ 5,838,651 |

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

| | Governmental Funds | | | Fiduciary Fund | Totals (Memorandum Only) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | General | Special Revenue | Capital Projects | Expendable Trust | 1998 | 1997 |
| **Revenues:** | | | | | | |
| Taxes: | | | | | | |
| Real estate | $2,080,841 | | | | $2,080,841 | $2,045,332 |
| Personal property | $ 29,602 | | | | $ 29,602 | $ 32,503 |
| Motor vehicle and other excise | $ 175,947 | | | | $ 175,947 | $ 151,802 |
| Sewer betterments | $ 12,331 | | | | $ 12,331 | $ 13,461 |
| Penalties and interest | $ 23,217 | | | | $ 23,217 | $ 36,380 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | | | |
| State | $ 689,876 | $ 309,229 | | | $ 999,105 | $1,000,428 |
| Federal and other | | $ 351,356 | | | $ 351,356 | $ 42,751 |
| Charges for services | $ 27,777 | $ 137,633 | | | $ 165,410 | $ 133,104 |
| Brassworks loan repayments | | $ 69,696 | | | $ 69,696 | $ 75,909 |
| Other departmental receipts | $ 32,537 | $ 30,345 | | | $ 62,882 | $ 69,006 |
| Earnings on invested funds | $ 35,627 | $ 6,086 | | $ 53,089 | $ 94,802 | $ 81,636 |
| Court fines | $ 22,090 | | | | $ 22,090 | $ 11,085 |
| Miscellaneous | $ 9,419 | $ - | $ - | $ 57,105 | $ 66,524 | $ 29,087 |
| **Total Revenues** | $3,139,264 | $ 904,345 | $ - | $ 110,194 | $4,153,803 | $3,722,484 |
| **Expenditures:** | | | | | | |
| General government | $ 170,092 | $ 296,081 | | $ 2,213 | $ 468,386 | $ 179,357 |
| Protection of persons/property | $ 128,361 | $ 58,920 | | | $ 187,281 | $ 156,446 |
| Education | $1,985,232 | $ 274,376 | | $ 56,114 | $2,315,722 | $2,204,312 |
| Public works and facilities | $ 283,572 | | | $ 1,184 | $ 284,756 | $ 298,985 |
| Human services | $ 16,940 | $ 35,223 | | $ 13,415 | $ 65,578 | $ 59,671 |
| Culture and recreation | $ 56,616 | $ 21,481 | | $ 536 | $ 78,633 | $ 67,650 |
| Debt service | $ 70,083 | | | | $ 70,083 | $ 91,062 |
| Intergovernmental expenses | $ 47,532 | | | | $ 47,532 | $ 46,981 |
| Brassworks loans | | $ 113,170 | | | $ 113,170 | $ 87,395 |
| Miscellaneous | $ 293,739 | | | | $ 293,739 | $ 269,246 |
| Capital Outlay | $ - | $ 109,382 | $ 27,585 | $ - | $ 136,967 | $ 109,149 |
| **Total Expenditures** | $3,052,167 | $ 908,633 | $ 27,585 | $ 73,462 | $4,061,847 | $3,570,254 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | $ 87,097 | $ (4,288) | $(27,585) | $ 36,732 | $ 91,956 | $ 152,230 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses): | | | | | | |
| Appreciation of investments | | | | $ 162,658 | $ 162,658 | $ 208,329 |
| Operating transfers in | $ 17,521 | | $ 68,426 | | $ 85,947 | $ 19,325 |
| Operating transfers out | $ (68,426) | $ (17,521) | $ - | $ - | $ (85,947) | $ (22,325) |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | $ (50,905) | $ (17,521) | $ 68,426 | $ 162,658 | $ 162,658 | $ 205,329 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures/Other Uses | $ 36,192 | $ (21,809) | $ 40,841 | $ 199,390 | $ 254,614 | $ 357,559 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning of Year | $ 425,784 | $ 387,932 | $ 14,625 | $ 1,137,733 | $1,966,074 | $1,608,515 |
| **Fund Balance - End of Year** | $ 461,976 | $ 366,123 | $ 55,466 | $ 1,337,123 | $2,220,688 | $1,966,074 |

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG**
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998**

| | Fund Balance Beginning | Revenues | Transfers In | Total Available | Expenditures | Transfers Out | Fund Balance Ending |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Road Construction | | | | | | | |
| Chapter 85 | $ - | $ 123,005 | $ - | $ 123,005 | $ 106,309 | $ 16,696 | $ - |
| Chapter 113 | $ - | $ 3,073 | $ - | $ 3,073 | $ 3,073 | $ - | $ - |
| **Total Road Construction** | $ - | $ 126,078 | $ - | $ 126,078 | $ 109,382 | $ 16,696 | $ - |
| School Funds | | | | | | | |
| Pre-school Program | $ 4,559 | $ 69,053 | $ - | $ 73,612 | $ 76,942 | $ - | $ (3,330) |
| Chapter 1 | $ 1,599 | $ 16,894 | | $ 18,493 | $ 16,969 | | $ 1,524 |
| School Lunch | $ 1,228 | $ 36,918 | | $ 38,146 | $ 37,235 | | $ 911 |
| School Choice | $ 121,028 | $ 116,247 | | $ 237,275 | $ 87,418 | | $ 149,857 |
| School Building Use | $ 1,255 | $ 656 | | $ 1,911 | $ - | | $ 1,911 |
| Substitute Teachers | $ 113 | $ - | | $ 113 | $ - | | $ 113 |
| Extended Day Kindergarten | $ 7,685 | $ 13,353 | | $ 21,038 | $ 17,321 | | $ 3,717 |
| Early Literacy Learning | $ 90 | $ 8,800 | | $ 8,890 | $ 8,663 | | $ 227 |
| Technology Grant | $ 6,216 | $ 7,840 | | $ 14,056 | $ 6,040 | | $ 8,016 |
| Lighthouse Grant | $ 4,760 | $ 8,387 | | $ 13,147 | $ 13,816 | | $ (669) |
| Media One Grant | $ 7,500 | $ - | | $ 7,500 | $ 6,911 | | $ 589 |
| Health Protection | $ - | $ 3,075 | | $ 3,075 | $ 3,060 | | $ 15 |
| Warren Book Fund | $ - | $ 755 | $ - | $ 755 | $ - | $ - | $ 755 |
| **Total School Funds** | $ 156,033 | $ 281,978 | $ - | $ 438,011 | $ 274,375 | $ - | $ 163,636 |

| | Fund Balance Beginning | Revenues | Transfers In | Total Available | Expenditures | Transfers Out | Fund Balance Ending |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revolving Funds** | | | | | | | |
| Recreation | $ 4,121 | $ 14,855 | $ - | $ 18,976 | $ 12,434 | $ - | $ 6,542 |
| Electrical Inspection | $ - | $ 3,030 | | $ 3,030 | $ 3,030 | | $ - |
| Gas Inspection | $ - | $ 394 | | $ 394 | $ 394 | | $ - |
| Plumbing Inspection | $ - | $ 989 | | $ 989 | $ 989 | | $ - |
| Appeals Board | $ - | $ 525 | | $ 525 | $ 525 | | $ - |
| Dog Control | $ 5,287 | $ 3,835 | | $ 9,122 | $ 2,740 | $ 825 | $ 5,557 |
| Transfer Station Open Box | $ 18,743 | $ 8,324 | | $ 27,067 | $ 4,368 | | $ 22,699 |
| Conservation | $ 755 | $ 1,037 | $ - | $ 1,792 | $ - | $ - | $ 1,792 |
| **Total Revolving Funds** | $ 28,906 | $ 32,989 | $ - | $ 61,895 | $ 24,480 | $ 825 | $ 36,590 |
| **Council on Aging Funds** | | | | | | | |
| Highland Valley Elder Services | $ 1,356 | $ 1,500 | $ - | $ 2,856 | $ 1,412 | $ - | $ 1,444 |
| Hilltown CDC Grant | $ 372 | $ - | | $ 372 | $ 372 | | $ - |
| EOEA Formula Grant | $ - | $ 2,000 | | $ 2,000 | $ 1,159 | | $ 841 |
| Consortium Support | $ 100 | $ 991 | | $ 1,091 | $ 843 | | $ 248 |
| FRTA | $ 3,015 | $ 19,047 | | $ 22,062 | $ 19,894 | | $ 2,168 |
| EOEA Service Incentive | $ - | $ 4,000 | | $ 4,000 | $ 4,000 | | $ - |
| PVTA | $ 40 | $ 2,100 | $ - | $ 2,140 | $ 3,101 | $ - | $ (961) |
| **Total Council on Aging Funds** | $ 4,883 | $ 29,638 | $ - | $ 34,521 | $ 30,781 | $ - | $ 3,740 |
| **Other** | | | | | | | |
| Cultural Council | $ 3,590 | $ 3,150 | $ - | $ 6,740 | $ 1,680 | $ - | $ 5,060 |
| Library Grants | $ 6,686 | $ 9,574 | | $ 16,260 | $ 7,367 | | $ 8,893 |
| Equipment Earnings | $ 8,871 | $ - | | $ 8,871 | $ - | | $ 8,871 |
| Timber Sales | $ 5,009 | $ - | | $ 5,009 | $ - | | $ 5,009 |
| Police Gifts | $ 1,450 | $ 1,483 | | $ 2,933 | $ 2,933 | | $ - |
| Police Grants | $ 1,508 | $ 50,461 | | $ 51,969 | $ 48,834 | | $ 3,135 |
| Septic Repair Grant | $ 18,000 | $ - | | $ 18,000 | $ 78 | | $ 17,922 |
| Housing Development | $ - | $ 293,215 | | $ 293,215 | $ 295,556 | | $ (2,341) |
| Brassworks Re-Use Fund | $ 152,996 | $ 75,782 | $ - | $ 228,778 | $ 113,170 | $ - | $ 115,608 |
| **Total Other** | $ 198,110 | $ 433,665 | $ - | $ 631,775 | $ 469,618 | $ - | $ 162,157 |
| **Total Special Revenue Funds** | $ 387,932 | $ 904,348 | $ - | $ 1,292,280 | $ 908,636 | $ 17,521 | $ 366,123 |

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG**
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**
**AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998**

| | Water Fund | Landfill Fund | Totals (Memorandum Only) 1998 | 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Revenues: | | | | |
| User charges | $ 216,709 | $ 45,033 | $ 261,742 | $ 241,800 |
| Connection fees | | $ 25,000 | $ 25,000 | $ 3,500 |
| Penalties and interest | $ 1,775 | $ 404 | $ 2,179 | $ 3,123 |
| Timber sales | | | | $ 9,813 |
| Sale of real estate | | | | $ 1,575 |
| Earnings on invested funds | $ 20,419 | $ 5,982 | $ 26,401 | $ 23,015 |
| Total Revenues | $ 238,903 | $ 76,419 | $ 315,322 | $ 282,826 |
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| Salaries | $ 1,850 | $ 1,800 | $ 3,650 | $ 3,650 |
| Labor and expenses | $ 42,140 | $ 40,488 | $ 82,628 | $ 67,780 |
| Debt service | $ 164,312 | | $ 164,312 | $ 164,312 |
| Capital outlay | $ 38,000 | $ 62,473 | $ 100,473 | $ 5,056 |
| Total Expenditures | $ 246,302 | $ 104,761 | $ 351,063 | $ 240,798 |
| Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures | $ (7,399) | $ (28,342) | $ (35,741) | $ 42,028 |
| Other Financing Sources - Operating transfers in | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 3,000 |
| Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures | $ (7,399) | $ (28,342) | $ (35,741) | $ 45,028 |
| Retained Earnings - Beginning of Year | $ 310,830 | $ 106,062 | $ 416,892 | $ 371,864 |
| **Retained Earnings - End of Year** | $ 303,431 | $ 77,720 | $ 381,151 | $ 416,892 |

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG**
**EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998**

| | Balance Beginning | Investment and Other Income | Asset Appreciation | Transfers In | Total Available | Expenditures | Transfers Out | Balance Ending |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School Funds: | | | | | | | | |
| Daniel Collins | $ 546,004 | $ 25,986 | $ 71,795 | $ - | $ 643,785 | $ 48,981 | $ - | $ 594,804 |
| O.C. Spellman | $ 78,544 | $ 3,214 | $ 16,591 | | $ 98,349 | $ 2,728 | | $ 95,621 |
| Ethel Curry | $ 5,671 | $ 178 | $ 919 | | $ 6,768 | $ 151 | | $ 6,617 |
| Albert D. Sanders | $ 24,781 | $ 840 | $ 4,336 | | $ 29,957 | $ 713 | | $ 29,244 |
| Dunphy for Dunphy School | $ 25,630 | $ 956 | $ 4,935 | | $ 31,521 | $ 811 | | $ 30,710 |
| Dunphy for James School | $ 36,323 | $ 1,252 | $ 6,463 | | $ 44,038 | $ 1,063 | | $ 42,975 |
| Ellsworth Hyde | $ 8,798 | $ 315 | $ 1,627 | | $ 10,740 | $ 267 | | $ 10,473 |
| Byron Loomis | $ 26,194 | $ 927 | $ 4,788 | | $ 31,909 | $ 787 | | $ 31,122 |
| William J. Sheehan | $ 367 | $ 17 | $ 89 | | $ 473 | $ 160 | | $ 313 |
| Helen E. James | $ 17,067 | $ 534 | $ 2,757 | $ - | $ 20,358 | $ 453 | $ - | $ 19,905 |
| Total School Funds | $ 769,379 | $ 34,219 | $ 114,300 | $ - | $ 917,898 | $ 56,114 | $ - | $ 861,784 |

| | Balance Beginning | Investment and Other Income | Asset Appreciation | Transfers In | Total Available | Expenditures | Transfers Out | Balance Ending |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Other Funds: | | | | | | | | |
| Stabilization | $ 105,314 | $ 5,275 | $ - | | $ 110,589 | $ - | $ - | $ 110,589 |
| Unemployment - Town | $ 6,971 | $ 84 | | | $ 7,055 | $ 1,041 | | $ 6,014 |
| Unemployment - School | $ 1,367 | | | | $ 1,367 | $ 104 | | $ 1,263 |
| Elder Trust | $ 14,901 | $ 1,076 | | | $ 15,977 | | | $ 15,977 |
| Arthur King | $ 13,144 | $ 1,158 | $ 5,980 | | $ 20,282 | $ 3,281 | | $ 17,001 |
| Albert S. Hills | $ 24,830 | $ 779 | $ 4,021 | | $ 29,630 | $ 1,349 | | $ 28,281 |
| Whiting Street | $ 1,266 | $ 172 | $ 890 | | $ 2,328 | $ 526 | | $ 1,802 |
| Lyman D. Waite | $ 3,359 | $ 97 | $ 502 | | $ 3,958 | $ 499 | | $ 3,459 |
| Electra Waite | $ 5,938 | $ 195 | $ 1,005 | | $ 7,138 | $ 582 | | $ 6,556 |
| Henry M. Warner | $ 36,696 | $ 1,163 | $ 6,006 | | $ 43,865 | $ 1,404 | | $ 42,461 |
| Christian J. Hills | $ 27,906 | $ 867 | $ 4,478 | | $ 33,251 | $ 1,153 | | $ 32,098 |
| Henry M. Hills | $ 95,205 | $ 2,996 | $ 15,464 | | $ 113,665 | $ 3,442 | | $ 110,223 |
| Mary L. Main | $ 11,869 | $ 387 | $ 1,999 | | $ 14,255 | $ 745 | | $ 13,510 |
| WCTU Clock Fund | $ 9,124 | $ 332 | $ 1,716 | | $ 11,172 | $ 1,068 | | $ 10,104 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care | $ 6,320 | $ 188 | $ 671 | | $ 7,179 | $ 1,184 | | $ 5,995 |
| Women's Club/Soldiers and Sailors | $ 1,814 | $ 60 | $ 311 | | $ 2,185 | $ 51 | | $ 2,134 |
| James L. Taylor | $ 2,330 | $ 97 | $ 499 | | $ 2,926 | $ 282 | | $ 2,644 |
| Sanderson/Heath | $ - | | | | $ - | $ 100 | | $ (100) |
| Meekins Library | $ - | $ 4,293 | $ 4,816 | $ 56,755 | $ 65,864 | $ 536 | $ - | $ 65,328 |
| Total Other Funds | $ 368,354 | $ 19,219 | $ 48,358 | $ 56,755 | $ 492,686 | $ 17,347 | $ - | $ 475,339 |
| **Total All Trust Funds** | $ 1,137,733 | $ 53,438 | $ 162,658 | $ 56,755 | $ 1,410,584 | $ 73,461 | $ - | $ 1,337,123 |

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG**
**GENERAL FUND**
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998**

| | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Revenues: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Real estate | $ 2,067,425 | $ 2,080,841 | $ 13,416 |
| Personal property | $ 33,800 | $ 29,602 | $ (4,198) |
| Motor vehicle and other excise | $ 145,275 | $ 175,947 | $ 30,672 |
| Sewer betterments | $ 13,400 | $ 12,331 | $ (1,069) |
| Penalties and interest | $ 23,500 | $ 23,217 | $ (283) |
| State aid | $ 668,040 | $ 689,876 | $ 21,836 |
| Charges for services | $ 25,300 | $ 27,777 | $ 2,477 |
| Other departmental receipts | $ 37,345 | $ 32,537 | $ (4,808) |
| Earnings on invested funds | $ 24,000 | $ 35,627 | $ 11,627 |
| Court fines | $ 11,000 | $ 22,090 | $ 11,090 |
| Miscellaneous | $ 9,600 | $ 9,419 | $ (181) |
| Total Revenues | $ 3,058,685 | $ 3,139,264 | $ 80,579 |
| Expenditures: | | | |
| General government | $ 203,714 | $ 170,092 | $ 33,622 |
| Protection of persons and property | $ 133,626 | $ 128,361 | $ 5,265 |
| Education | $ 2,037,842 | $ 1,985,232 | $ 52,610 |
| Public works and facilities | $ 315,666 | $ 283,572 | $ 32,094 |
| Human services | $ 18,168 | $ 16,940 | $ 1,228 |
| Culture and recreation | $ 57,398 | $ 56,616 | $ 782 |
| Debt service | $ 70,629 | $ 70,083 | $ 546 |
| Intergovernmental expenses | $ 50,393 | $ 47,532 | $ 2,861 |
| Miscellaneous | $ 313,080 | $ 293,739 | $ 19,341 |
| Total Expenditures | $ 3,200,516 | $ 3,052,167 | $ 148,349 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | $ (141,831) | $ 87,097 | $ 228,928 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses): | | | |
| Operating transfers in | $ 17,521 | $ 17,521 | $ - |
| Operating transfers out | $ (68,426) | $ (68,426) | $ - |
| Total Other Financing Uses | $ (50,905) | $ (50,905) | $ - |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Uses | $ (192,736) | $ 36,192 | $ 228,928 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning of Year | $ 425,784 | $ 425,784 | $ - |
| **Fund Balance - End of Year** | $ 233,048 | $ 461,976 | $ 228,928 |

## TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
## FY98 EXPENSE REPORT - GENERAL FUND

| Expense Category | Account | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General Government: | | | | | | | | |
| Moderator | 015114-110 | | $ 200.00 | | $ 200.00 | $ 200.00 | | 100 |
| Selectboard Salaries | 015122-110 | | $ 4,800.00 | | $ 4,800.00 | $ 4,800.00 | | 100 |
| Selectboard Expenses | 015122-700 | | $ 2,300.00 | $ 551.16 | $ 2,851.16 | $ 2,851.16 | | 100 |
| Advertising | 015124-700 | | $ 350.00 | $ 810.13 | $ 1,160.13 | $ 1,160.13 | | 100 |
| Parking Clerk Labor | 015126-110 | | $ 250.00 | | $ 250.00 | $ 250.00 | | 100 |
| Parking Clerk Expenses | 015126-700 | | $ 50.00 | | $ 50.00 | | $ 50.00 | 0 |
| Constable - Salary | 015127-110 | | $ 100.00 | | $ 100.00 | $ 100.00 | | 100 |
| Constable - Elections | 015127-111 | | $ 200.00 | | $ 200.00 | $ 200.00 | | 100 |
| Town Secretary Labor | 015129-110 | | $ 18,750.00 | | $ 18,750.00 | $ 18,749.90 | $ 0.10 | 100 |
| Independent Audit | 015129-300 | | | $ 800.00 | $ 800.00 | | $ 800.00 | 0 |
| Elector Oliver Smith Will | 015129-700 | | $ 25.00 | | $ 25.00 | $ 25.00 | | 100 |
| Finance Comm Stipends | 015131-110 | | $ 2,700.00 | | $ 2,700.00 | $ 2,650.00 | $ 50.00 | 98 |
| Finance Comm Secretary | 015131-111 | | $ 1,400.00 | | $ 1,400.00 | $ 595.10 | $ 804.90 | 43 |
| Finance Comm Expenses | 015131-700 | | $ 600.00 | | $ 600.00 | $ 405.75 | $ 194.25 | 68 |
| Reserve Fund | 015132-780 | | $ 40,000.00 | $ (27,408.51) | $ 12,591.49 | | $ 12,591.49 | 0 |
| Capital Planning Labor | 015133-110 | | $ 375.00 | | $ 375.00 | $ 200.00 | $ 175.00 | 53 |
| Capital Planning Expense | 015133-700 | | $ 100.00 | | $ 100.00 | $ 100.00 | | 100 |
| Town Accountant's Salary | 015135-110 | | $ 12,875.00 | $ 211.56 | $ 13,086.56 | $ 13,086.56 | | 100 |
| Town Accountant's Expenses | 015135-700 | | $ 900.00 | | $ 900.00 | $ 882.96 | $ 17.04 | 98 |
| Assessors' Salaries | 015141-110 | | $ 5,961.00 | | $ 5,961.00 | $ 5,961.00 | | 100 |
| Assessors' Labor | 015141-111 | | $ 4,500.00 | | $ 4,500.00 | $ 4,500.00 | | 100 |
| Assessors' Expenses | 015141-700 | | $ 3,400.00 | | $ 3,400.00 | $ 3,389.59 | $ 10.41 | 100 |
| Assessors' - CAMA Fee | 015141-701 | | $ 1,500.00 | | $ 1,500.00 | $ 1,500.00 | | 100 |
| Assessors - Revaluation | 015142-700 | $ 16,728.43 | | | $ 16,728.43 | $ 10,436.03 | $ 6,292.40 | 62 |
| Treasurer's Salary | 015145-110 | | $ 12,875.00 | $ 211.62 | $ 13,086.62 | $ 13,086.62 | | 100 |
| Treasurer's Expenses | 015145-700 | | $ 4,500.00 | $ 378.00 | $ 4,878.00 | $ 4,876.56 | $ 1.44 | 100 |
| Town Collector's Salary | 015146-110 | | $ 19,500.00 | | $ 19,500.00 | $ 19,500.00 | | 100 |
| Town Collector's Expense | 015146-700 | | $ 9,900.00 | $ 15.68 | $ 9,915.68 | $ 9,643.58 | $ 272.10 | 97 |
| Town Counsel | 015151-300 | | $ 9,000.00 | | $ 9,000.00 | $ 5,951.45 | $ 3,048.55 | 66 |
| Tax Title Expense | 015158-700 | | $ 50.00 | | $ 50.00 | $ 10.00 | $ 40.00 | 20 |
| Town Clerk's Salary | 015161-110 | | $ 6,600.00 | $ 108.38 | $ 6,708.38 | $ 6,708.38 | | 100 |

| Expense Category | Account | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Clerk's Expenses | 015161-700 | | $ 1,300.00 | $ 1,200.00 | $ 2,500.00 | $ 2,426.29 | $ 73.71 | 97 |
| Elections/Registration | 015162-700 | | $ 1,700.00 | $ 1,586.40 | $ 3,286.40 | $ 3,235.63 | $ 50.77 | 98 |
| Street Listing | 015164-700 | | $ 1,000.00 | | $ 1,000.00 | $ 926.49 | $ 73.51 | 93 |
| Conservation Comm Labor | 015171-110 | | $ 250.00 | | $ 250.00 | | $ 250.00 | 0 |
| Conservation Comm Expenses | 015171-700 | | $ 500.00 | $ 34.88 | $ 534.88 | $ 534.88 | | 100 |
| Planning Board | 015175-700 | | $ 2,700.00 | $ 1,672.66 | $ 4,372.66 | $ 4,372.66 | | 100 |
| By-Law Task Force | 015175-701 | $ 2,465.00 | | $ 500.00 | $ 2,965.00 | $ 2,965.00 | | 100 |
| Appeals Board | 015176-700 | | $ 200.00 | $ 150.00 | $ 350.00 | $ 150.00 | $ 200.00 | 43 |
| Custodial Services | 015192-110 | | $ 5,000.00 | | $ 5,000.00 | $ 3,442.02 | $ 1,557.98 | 69 |
| Town Office Expense | 015192-700 | | $ 4,500.00 | | $ 4,500.00 | $ 3,384.17 | $ 1,115.83 | 75 |
| Town Buildings/Grounds | 015192-701 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 14,700.00 | $ 500.00 | $ 16,700.00 | $ 16,306.19 | $ 393.81 | 98 |
| Town Reports | 015195-700 | | $ 2,500.00 | | $ 2,500.00 | $ 10.00 | $ 2,490.00 | 0 |
| Agricultural Restriction | 015199-690 | $ 2,000.00 | | | $ 2,000.00 | | $ 2,000.00 | 0 |
| Copier Maintenance | 015199-700 | | $ 600.00 | | $ 600.00 | $ 519.00 | $ 81.00 | 87 |
| Energy Deregulation Co | 015199-703 | | | $ 988.00 | $ 988.00 | | $ 988.00 | 0 |
| | | | | | $ - | | | |
| **Total General Government** | | **$ 22,693.43** | **$ 198,711.00** | **$ (17,690.04)** | **$ 203,714.39** | **$ 170,092.10** | **$ 33,622.29** | **83** |
| Protect. Persons & Property: | | | | | | | | |
| Police Chief's Salary | 015210-110 | | $ 10,026.00 | | $ 10,026.00 | $ 10,026.00 | | 100 |
| Police Dept Labor | 015210-111 | | $ 46,241.00 | | $ 46,241.00 | $ 43,618.49 | $ 2,622.51 | 94 |
| Police Dept Expenses | 015210-700 | | $ 22,000.00 | $ 2,670.92 | $ 24,670.92 | $ 24,570.92 | $ 100.00 | 100 |
| Police Computer Grant | 015210-701 | $ 212.68 | | | $ 212.68 | $ 212.68 | | 100 |
| Fire Dept Salaries | 015220-110 | | $ 6,125.00 | | $ 6,125.00 | $ 6,075.00 | $ 50.00 | 99 |
| Fire Dept Labor | 015220-111 | | $ 10,250.00 | | $ 10,250.00 | $ 9,977.00 | $ 273.00 | 97 |
| Fire Dept Expenses | 015220-700 | | $ 16,500.00 | | $ 16,500.00 | $ 15,216.16 | $ 1,283.84 | 92 |
| Ambulance Service | 015231-690 | | $ 8,500.00 | | $ 8,500.00 | $ 8,000.00 | $ 500.00 | 94 |
| Building Inspector Salary | 015242-110 | | $ 7,000.00 | | $ 7,000.00 | $ 6,999.96 | $ 0.04 | 100 |
| Building Inspector Expense | 015242-700 | | $ 800.00 | | $ 800.00 | $ 484.35 | $ 315.65 | 61 |
| Civil Defense Dir Salary | 015291-110 | | $ 300.00 | | $ 300.00 | $ 300.00 | | 100 |
| Tree Warden | 015294-700 | | $ 3,000.00 | | $ 3,000.00 | $ 2,880.00 | $ 120.00 | 96 |
| **Total Protect. Persons & Property** | | **$ 212.68** | **$ 130,742.00** | **$ 2,670.92** | **$ 133,625.60** | **$ 128,360.56** | **$ 5,265.04** | **96** |

| Expense Category | Account | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Education: | | | | | | | | |
| Local Schools | 015300-700 | | $ 1,134,623.00 | $ 1,754.00 | $ 1,136,377.00 | $ 1,136,377.00 | | 100 |
| Charter School | 015300-701 | | $ 31,548.00 | | $ 31,548.00 | $ 31,477.00 | $ 71.00 | 100 |
| Vocational School | 015310-700 | | $ 234,480.00 | | $ 234,480.00 | $ 181,940.69 | $ 52,539.31 | 78 |
| Hampshire Regional | 015320-690 | | $ 687,017.00 | $ (51,580.00) | $ 635,437.00 | $ 635,437.00 | | 100 |
| | | | | | $ - | | | |
| **Total Education** | | **$ -** | **$ 2,087,668.00** | **$ (49,826.00)** | **$ 2,037,842.00** | **$ 1,985,231.69** | **$ 52,610.31** | **97** |
| Public Works and Facilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Highway Labor | 015422-110 | | $ 83,111.00 | $ (2,745.20) | $ 80,365.80 | $ 80,365.80 | | 100 |
| Highway Maint Expenses | 015422-700 | | $ 60,750.00 | | $ 60,750.00 | $ 45,784.06 | $ 14,965.94 | 75 |
| H'way Garage/Equip Maint | 015422-701 | | $ 23,250.00 | $ 3,900.00 | $ 27,150.00 | $ 26,395.33 | $ 754.67 | 97 |
| Highway Surplus Equipment | 015422-800 | $ 1,600.00 | | | $ 1,600.00 | | $ 1,600.00 | 0 |
| Winter Overtime | 015423-110 | | $ 8,500.00 | | $ 8,500.00 | $ 5,720.10 | $ 2,779.90 | 67 |
| Winter Expenses | 015423-700 | | $ 40,500.00 | | $ 40,500.00 | $ 40,283.80 | $ 216.20 | 99 |
| Street Lighting | 015424-700 | | $ 6,500.00 | | $ 6,500.00 | $ 6,213.50 | $ 286.50 | 96 |
| Transfer Station | 015433-700 | | $ 89,300.00 | | $ 89,300.00 | $ 78,584.42 | $ 10,715.58 | 88 |
| Cemetery Commission | 015491-700 | | $ 1,000.00 | | $ 1,000.00 | $ 225.00 | $ 775.00 | 23 |
| | | | | | $ - | | | |
| **Total Public Works & Facilities** | | **$ 1,600.00** | **$ 312,911.00** | **$ 1,154.80** | **$ 315,665.80** | **$ 283,572.01** | **$ 32,093.79** | **90** |
| Human Services: | | | | | | | | |
| Board of Health Salaries | 015511-110 | | $ 3,000.00 | | $ 3,000.00 | $ 3,000.00 | | 100 |
| Board of Health Expenses | 015511-700 | | $ 200.00 | $ 157.78 | $ 357.78 | $ 357.78 | | 100 |
| Animal Inspection | 015519-700 | | $ 2,000.00 | | $ 2,000.00 | $ 772.25 | $ 1,227.75 | 39 |
| Public Health Nurse | 015522-700 | | $ 2,000.00 | | $ 2,000.00 | $ 1,999.92 | $ 0.08 | 100 |
| Council on Aging | 015541-700 | | $ 7,498.00 | | $ 7,498.00 | $ 7,498.00 | | 100 |
| Veterans' Agent Salary | 015543-110 | | $ 1,000.00 | | $ 1,000.00 | $ 1,000.00 | | 100 |
| Veterans' Agent Expenses | 015543-699 | | $ 135.00 | | $ 135.00 | $ 135.00 | | 100 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 015543-700 | | $ 2,000.00 | $ 177.19 | $ 2,177.19 | $ 2,177.19 | | 100 |
| **Total Human Services** | | **$ -** | **$ 17,833.00** | **$ 334.97** | **$ 18,167.97** | **$ 16,940.14** | **$ 1,227.83** | **93** |

| Expense Category | Account | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Culture and Recreation: | | | | | | | | |
| Haydenville Library | 015610-700 | | $ 4,425.00 | $ (4,425.00) | $ - | | | 0 |
| Haydenville Library Bo | 015610-701 | | $ 1,800.00 | $ (1,800.00) | $ - | | | 0 |
| Meekins Library | 015611-700 | | $ 32,817.00 | $ 6,225.00 | $ 39,042.00 | $ 38,824.60 | $ 217.40 | 99 |
| Athletic Fields | 015630-700 | | $ 3,500.00 | | $ 3,500.00 | $ 3,500.00 | | 100 |
| Recreation Labor/Expense | 015630-701 | | $ 3,500.00 | $ 330.00 | $ 3,830.00 | $ 3,830.00 | | 100 |
| Renovation of Ames Field | 015630-800 | $ 2,486.00 | | | $ 2,486.00 | $ 2,486.00 | | 100 |
| Historical Commission | 015691-700 | | $ 600.00 | | $ 600.00 | $ 194.25 | $ 405.75 | 32 |
| Veterans' Recognition | 015692-700 | $ 40.00 | $ 400.00 | | $ 440.00 | $ 281.49 | $ 158.51 | 64 |
| Firemen's 150 Anniversary | 015694-700 | | $ 7,500.00 | | $ 7,500.00 | $ 7,500.00 | | 100 |
| **Total Culture & Recreation** | | **$ 2,526.00** | **$ 54,542.00** | **$ 330.00** | **$ 57,398.00** | **$ 56,616.34** | **$ 781.66** | **99** |
| Debt Service: | | | | | | | | |
| Principal-School Debt | 015710-911 | | $ 36,850.00 | | $ 36,850.00 | $ 36,850.00 | | 100 |
| Principal-H'way Truck | 015710-912 | | $ 15,000.00 | | $ 15,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 | | 100 |
| Interest-School Debt | 015750-916 | | $ 16,583.00 | | $ 16,583.00 | $ 16,536.44 | $ 46.56 | 100 |
| Interest-H'way Truck | 015750-917 | | $ 1,696.00 | $ 0.25 | $ 1,696.25 | $ 1,696.25 | | 100 |
| Interest-Short Term | 015750-925 | | $ 500.00 | | $ 500.00 | | $ 500.00 | 0 |
| **Total Debt Service** | | **$ -** | **$ 70,629.00** | **$ 0.25** | **$ 70,629.25** | **$ 70,082.69** | **$ 546.56** | **99** |
| Intergovernmental Expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| State-Air Pollution | 015820-640 | | $ 561.00 | | $ 561.00 | $ 561.00 | | 100 |
| State-RMV Non-Renewal | 015820-641 | | $ 1,100.00 | | $ 1,100.00 | $ 1,100.00 | | 100 |
| State-Special Education | 015820-650 | | $ 368.00 | | $ 368.00 | | $ 368.00 | 0 |
| State-Police Academy | 015820-652 | | $ 1,800.00 | | $ 1,800.00 | $ 1,800.00 | | 100 |
| County Tax | 015830-621 | | $ 6,745.00 | $ 0.50 | $ 6,745.50 | $ 6,745.50 | | 100 |
| Regional Transit Charge | 015840-663 | | $ 14,159.00 | $ (988.00) | $ 13,171.00 | $ 10,679.00 | $ 2,492.00 | 81 |
| Hilltown Resource Mgt Coop | 015840-664 | | $ 8,551.00 | $ 256.53 | $ 8,807.53 | $ 8,807.52 | $ 0.01 | 100 |
| Foothills Health District | 015840-666 | | $ 17,840.00 | | $ 17,840.00 | $ 17,839.40 | $ 0.60 | 100 |
| **Total Intergovernmental Expenses** | | **$ -** | **$ 51,124.00** | **$ (730.97)** | **$ 50,393.03** | **$ 47,532.42** | **$ 2,860.61** | **94** |

| Expense Category | Account | Previous Year's Balance | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Revised Budget | Actual Expended | Balance | % Exp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous Expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| County Retirement | 015911-170 | | $ 54,755.00 | | $ 54,755.00 | $ 54,755.00 | | 100 |
| Workers' Compensation | 015912-700 | | $ 8,500.00 | | $ 8,500.00 | $ 6,158.00 | $ 2,342.00 | 72 |
| Health Insurance | 015914-170 | | $ 148,000.00 | $ 25,102.21 | $ 173,102.21 | $ 173,102.21 | | 100 |
| Social Security/Medicare | 015914-171 | | $ 20,000.00 | $ 5,396.36 | $ 25,396.36 | $ 25,397.06 | $ (0.70) | 100 |
| General Insurance | 015945-740 | | $ 30,000.00 | $ 182.00 | $ 30,182.00 | $ 30,182.00 | | 100 |
| IRS Assessment | 015950-801 | | | $ 4,145.50 | $ 4,145.50 | $ 4,145.50 | | 100 |
| Appropriation Deficits | 015990-900 | | | $ 17,000.00 | $ 17,000.00 | | $ 17,000.00 | 0 |
| Transfers to Capital F | 015993-963 | $ 18,425.73 | $ 20,000.00 | $ 30,000.00 | $ 68,425.73 | $ 68,425.73 | | 100 |
| **Total Miscellaneous Expenses** | | **$ 18,425.73** | **$ 281,255.00** | **$ 81,826.07** | **$ 381,506.80** | **$ 362,165.50** | **$ 19,341.30** | **95** |
| | | | | | $ - | | | |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | | **$ 45,457.84** | **$ 3,205,415.00** | **$ 18,070.00** | **$ 3,268,942.84** | **$ 3,120,593.45** | **$ 148,349.39** | **95** |

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Eight petitions were acted on by the Board of Appeals in 1998:

March 9. 1998

Granted a special permit to the Florence Savings Bank at 85 Main Street, Florence, Massachusetts, as applied for under Section IV, paragraph 3.1, b. of the protective by-law to cover the stairs and ramp with a canopy at the entrance on the premises of their Williamsburg Branch at One Main Street, Williamsburg, Massachusetts. The canopy will also display signage.

March 9, 1998

Granted a variance to Norman Graves, who lives at Main Street, Williamsburg, as applied for from Section III, paragraph 1, b. of the protective by-law concerning the premises at 23 Main Street, Williamsburg, formerly known as F.N. Graves Garage and Carriage Shop, to subdivide this parcel into two lots, retaining ownership of one and transferring ownership of the other. The lot to be retained will be less than 65,000 square feet and have less than 200 feet of frontage.

March 31, 1998

Granted a special permit to Matthew Ingellis of 2 North Farms Road, Haydenville, as applied for under Section IV, paragraph 3, i. of the protective by-law of the town to park three (3) unregistered vehicles; but not junk vehicles, owned by him, close to the structures where he currently operates a vehicle repair and to offer one or more of these vehicles for sale.

March 31, 1998

Granted a variance to Sharon Paradee of 36 Pencasal Drive, Florence, Massachusetts, as applied for from Section III, paragraph 1, a. of the protective by-law to place a house approximately thirty feet from the public way on a new lot on Chesterfield Road (also known as Route 143) near the intersection of Gere Hill Road.

April 21, 1998

Granted relief to Louis Poirier of 7 Main Street, Williamsburg, as appealed for from the decision of the Building Inspector, concerning the premises known as Cichy's Garage at 5 Main Street, Williamsburg, that no building permit would be required for the construction of a retaining wall within fifteen feet of the side lot line, that such, as has been completed, has been wrongfully constructed without a permit as required by Section III, paragraph 1, a. of the protective by- law. It was requested that an order be issued that the retaining wall of Mr. Cichy be removed forthwith, and the area restored to its former condition forthwith providing the necessary permits, approval, or variance as required pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Massachusetts Building code and the by-laws of the town have not been obtained or applied for within a period of sixty (60) days.

August 25, 1998

Granted a variance to Richard F. Thomas of 2 Edwards Street, Haydenville, as applied for from Section III, paragraph 1, a. & b. of the protective by-law concerning 2 Edwards Street and 9 High Street, in the village of Haydenville, to transfer ownership of a certain barn, standing between the two houses, and the land on which said barn stands from the one home lot to the other home lot, creating two undersized lots.

August 25, 1998

Granted a special permit to Pat Champagne of 51 Goshen Road, Williamsburg, as applied for under Section IV, paragraph 3, j. and m. of the protective by-law to install a propane filling station and to store combustible fuel, propane, at his store at 51 Goshen Road.

September 1, 1998

Granted a variance to Christopher Childs of 108 Ashfield Road, Williamsburg, as applied for from Section III, paragraph 1, a. of the protective by-law to construct a concrete wall to retain an elevated leach field, replacing a failed system as may be required, and to locate that structure, or some part thereof, within forty feet from the public way.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralmon Jon Black
Chairman

## I. Amount to be raised

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. Appropriations | | $3,516,472.00 |
| 1. Tax title purposes | | |
| 2. Debt & interest | | |
| 3. Final court judgments | | |
| 4. Overlay deficits | | |
| 5. Cherry sheet offsets | $ 4,355.00 | |
| 6. Revenue deficits | | |
| 7. Offset receipt deficits | | |
| 8. Enterprise deficit | | |
| 9. Teachers' pay deferral | | |
| 10. Snow and ice | | |
| 11. Other | | |
| B. Total (1 - 11) | | 4,355.00 |
| C. State & county cherry sheet charges | | 22,613.00 |
| D. Overlay | | 33,858.52 |
| E. Total amount to be raised | | $3,577,298.52 |

## II. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. Estimated receipts - state | | |
| 1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts | $672,394.00 | |
| 2. Cherry sheet overestimates | 5,858.00 | |
| TOTAL | | $ 678,252.00 |
| B. Estimated receipts - local | | |
| 1. Local receipts | $296,799.00 | |
| 2. Offsets (Schedule A-1) | | |
| 3. Enterprise funds (Schedule A-2) | 294,062.00 | |
| 4. Revolving funds | | |
| TOTAL | | $ 590,861.00 |
| C. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes | | |
| 1. Free cash | $171,129.00 | |
| 2. Other available funds | 1,133.00 | |
| TOTAL | | $ 172,262.00 |
| D. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce tax rate | | |
| 1. Free cash | | |
| 2. Other | | |
| E. Total estimated receipts | | $1,441,375.00 |

| | Valuation | Raised |
|---|---|---|
| Real Estate | $153,003,000.00 | $2,105,321.28 |
| Personal Property | 2,224,000.00 | 30,602.24 |
| TOTAL | $155,227,000.00 | $2,135,923.52 |

The tax rate for fiscal year 1998 was $13.76 per $1,000 of valuation.

The revaluation was finished in late December and property values were increased. This increase caused the past year's tax rate to drop $1.14 to $13.76. This decrease will be short-lived as the overrides and debt exclusions which have been passed at town meeting affect the fiscal year 1999 tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Warner
Denise L. Banister
Marjorie Dunphy

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRASSWORK'S REUSE COMMITTEE

The Brassworks ReUse Committee had another busy and successful year in 1998. The committee – Larry Hott, Lloyd Warriner and Jeff Ciuffreda – met regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, with several additional meetings in between.

Outstanding loans averaged 10 loans with an outstanding average balance of approximately $240,000. All loans were current.

The committee loaned $50,000 to the Hilltown Community Development Corporation, as approved by the special town meeting of November 17, 1997. This loan helped to preserve two multi-family houses in Haydenville, primarily preserving low to moderate income units.

One loan was paid in full and two new loans, for $10,000 and $25,000, were made. These loans assisted a fused glass (kiln-fired glass) business and a used car business.

Additionally, the committee began the process of setting up the three new Brassworks Trust Funds as suggested by the committee and approved by a town meeting vote. These funds are:

- Brassworks Recreation Trust Fund
- Brassworks Housing & Economic Development Trust Fund
- Brassworks Small Business Loan Trust Fund

The committee met with the Williamsburg Trust Fund & Cemetery Commissioners, as they are responsible for the investment of these funds.

The committee also went out to bid, and selected a firm, to do some fence and backstop replacement at the Ames ballfield in Haydenville. This purchase and the previously mentioned housing loan are from the newly established trust accounts.

The committee is proud that, through hard work and diligence, all loans are in good standing and the creative establishments of the new trust funds will ensure that the town will continue to benefit from them.

Feel free to call any member with questions, comments, or ideas for the new accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ciuffreda
Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

125 building permits were issued, with a total of $7,330.75 in fees collected. Included in this figure is $251,927 on various projects funded through the Hilltown Community Development Corporation.

| Type of Work | Number of Permits | Value of Work |
|---|---|---|
| New houses | 3 | $ 580,000.00 |
| Additions | 9 | 114,800.00 |
| Renovations | 28 | 543,933.00 |
| Repairs, windows, siding, and roof replacements | 43 | 140,244.00 |
| Decks and porches | 4 | 8,500.00 |
| Accessory buildings: garages, sheds, barns, etc. | 18 | 103,450.00 |
| Charter School renovations | 2 | 100,000.00 |
| Wood stoves and chimneys | 2 | 4,500.00 |
| Demolitions | 2 | 12,394.00 |
| Fences | 1 | 2,000.00 |
| Pools | 6 | 24,199.00 |
| Miscellaneous, awning, grain bins, Northampton Water Supply | 3 | 280,750.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **125** | **$1,914,770.00** |

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Capital Planning Committee was established in 1996 to help develop a capital spending plan for the town. The Committee has five members - two who also serve on the Finance Committee and three others who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The current members of the committee are Robert Buchele, Kathy Emerson, Michael Long, William Sayre, and Bruce Tolda. This is the committee's first report to the town.

Each year, the Capital Planning Committee solicits capital expenditure requests for the next fiscal year and anticipated requests for the next five years from all town departments. (Capital expenditures include all expenditures on equipment or projects that cost $10,000 or more and have a useful life of at least five years) It then compiles and evaluates these requests and, in March, forwards them to the Finance Committee along with its funding recommendations.

In 1998, the Capital Planning Committee recommended the following expenditures for FY1999:

| | |
|---|---|
| Highway Department | $15,000 to replace underground fuel tank |
| Board of Health | 30,000 for land fill cap engineering study |
| Police Department | 27,500 for a new cruiser |
| Haydenville Library | 12,000 for repairs |
| Local Schools | 13,800 for painting |
| | 10,000 for James roof repair |
| | 19,000 for Dunphy School playground |
| Bike Path | 25,000 for land acquisition |

Respectfully submitted,

Capital Planning Committee

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

| 1998 APPOINTED OFFICIALS | TERM | EXPIRATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **TOWN ACCOUNTANT** | | | |
| DAVID KIELSON | 3 years | 2000 | [296-4327] |
| **TOWN COLLECTOR** | | | |
| TESS BARSTOW | 3 years | 2001 | |
| **ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR** | | | |
| | 1 year | 1999 | |
| **TOWN SECRETARY** (appointed July 1 by Chairman Selectmen) | | | |
| BONNIE ROBERGE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-8400] |
| **BUILDING INSPECTOR** | | | |
| JAMES LAWRENCE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-7099] |
| **PLUMBING INSPECTOR** | | | |
| DONALD LAWTON | 1 year | 1999 | [268-7487]] |
| **WIRING INSPECTOR** | | | |
| PAUL LYONS | 1 year | 1999 | [584-8248] |
| **GAS INSPECTOR** | | | |
| DONALD LAWTON | 1 year | 1999 | [268-7487] |
| **SURVEYOR WOOD/LUMBER** | | | |
| WARREN E. WHITE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-7714] |
| **MEASURER GRAVEL/SOIL AND MANURE** | | | |
| WARREN E. WHITE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-7714] |
| **FIELD DRIVER** | | | |
| ROGER S. BISBEE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-3225] |
| DONALD D. LAWTON | 1 year | 1999 | [268-7487] |

## 1998 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### CONSTABLES

| | | TERM | EXPIRATION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDWARD CROTTY | | 3 years | 2001 | |

### REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLENE L. NARDI | U | 1 year | 1999 | [268-8402] |
| JEANNE HEMENWAY | R | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7323] |
| CORA L. WARNER | R | 3 years | 2001 | [268-7195] |
| MAUREEN MATHERS | D | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7833] |
| To fill remaining term R. McQueston | | | | |
| ROBERT J. MCQUESTON III | U | 3 years | resigned 10/98 | |

- terms expire in March

### PLANNING BOARD

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| LAWRENCE HOTT | 5 years | 1999 | |
| JAMES LAWRENCE | 5 years | 1999 | [268-3123] |
| CATHERINE SKIBA | 5 years | 1999 | [268-7537] |
| CAROL DAVIS | 5 years | 2000 | [268-7975] |
| ROBERTA MACLEOD | 5 years | 2001 | [268-7211] |
| NICHOLAS DINES | 5 years | 2001 | |
| CHRISTOPHER MORRIS | 5 years | 2002 | |

### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROGER BISBEE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-8405] |

### FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROGER BISBEE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-7233] |

### FENCE VIEWER

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROGER BISBEE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-3225] |

### DIRECTOR CIVIL DEFENSE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROGER BISBEE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-3225] |

### TREE WARDEN/GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROGER BISBEE | 1 year | 1999 | [268-3225] |

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DARLENE CUNNINGHAM | 3year | 2001 |
| MARGARET MANN | 3year | 2001 |
| CARL BEACH, Chairman | 3 years | 1999 |
| JOHN MARTI | 3 years | 2000 |
| MELISSA MOURKAS | 1 year | 2000 * |

- * Appoint for 1 year to fill vacancy

| 1998 APPOINTED OFFICIALS | TERM | EXPIRATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **BOARD OF APPEALS** | | | |
| LISA BERKMAN | 3 years | 2001 | |
| RALMON BLACK, Chairman | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7312] |
| DAVID MATHERS | 3 years | 2000 | |
| GERALD MANN (alternate) | 1 year | 1999 | |
| ALAN JODY NISHMAN | 1 year | 1999 | |
| **COUNCIL ON AGING** | | | |
| EMMA HALL, Associate | 1 year | 1999 | |
| HAL WENTWORTH, Associate | 1 year | 1999 | |
| ERIC BACKER | 3 years | 2001 | |
| ESTHER WARNER | 3 years | 1999 | |
| DONNA BALDWIN, Chairman | 3 years | 1999 | |
| NELLIE KAJKA | 3 years | 1999 | |
| KERSTIN LIANDER, Vice Chair | 3 years | 1999 | |
| ALBERT MOSHER | 3 years | 2000 | |
| DOROTHEA MOSHER | 3 years | 2000 | |
| JANET NURCZYK, Treasurer | 3 years | 2000 | |
| GERALD MANN, Secretary | 3 years | 2000 | |
| RUTH GORHAM, Associate | 1 year | 1999 | |
| BETTY RICE, Associate | 1 year | 1999 | |
| ATHENA WARREN, Emerita | | | |
| KENNETH BEALS, Emeritus | | | |
| IRA GABRIELSON, Emeritus | | | |
| ** Associates are appointed by Council Members | Emeritus – Lifetime Appointments | | |
| LYNN LENKER, Director | | | [268-8407] |
| | | | [268-3807] |
| **POLICE DEPARTMENT** | | | |
| PATRICK ARCHBALD, Chief | 1 year | 1998 | [268-8419] |
| MICHAEL STILES | 1 year | January 1999 | [resigned 10/27/98] |
| WILL GRAHAM, Sergeant | 1 year | May 1999 | |
| RAY VANDOLOSKI | 1 year | 1998 | |
| DAVID MARTIN | 1 year | May 1999 | |
| DENISE WICKLAND | 1 year | June 1999 | |
| DANIEL WARNER | 1 year | May 1999 | |
| STEPHEN BERUBE | 1 year | May 1999 | |
| JOHN SVOBODA | 2 months | 1998 | [resigned 8/31/97] |
| PETER SHARAC | 1 year | 1998 | [resigned 11/24/97] |
| WARNER C. ROBINSON | 1 year | 1998 | [resigned 11/8/97] |
| KAREN KAROWSKI, Police Secretary | | | |
| **DOG CONTROL OFFICER** | | | |
| WILLIAM TURNER | 1 year | 1999 | [268-3145] |
| DEBRA TURNER, Assistant | 1 year | 1999 | |

| 1998 APPOINTED OFFICIALS | TERM | EXPIRATION |
|---|---|---|
| **ANIMAL INSPECTOR** (appointed in March) | | |
| DONALD LAWTON | 1 year | 1999 |
| **PARKING CLERK** | | |
| TESS BARSTOW | 1 year | 1999 |
| **HISTORICAL COMMISSION** | | |
| NORMAN GRAVES, Chairman | 3 years | 2001 |
| DAVID MAJERCIK | 3 years | 1999 |
| JEANNE HEMENWAY | 3 years | 1999 |
| MARY GABRIELSON | 3 years | 2000 |
| RALMON BLACK | 1 year | 2000 |
| **PVTA REPRESENTATIVE** | | |
| JEFFREY CIUFFREDA | 1 year | 1999 |
| **WHITING STREET FUND** (appointed by Moderator) | | |
| JEANNE HEMENWAY | 1 year | 1999 |
| GEORGE SHAHEEN | 1 year | 1999 |
| DONNA GIBSON | 1 year | 1999 |
| **HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE** | | |
| ROB STINSON | 1 year | 1999 |
| ANNE GELBARD | 1 year | 1999 |
| **MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD** | | |
| ERIC WEISS | 1 year | 1999 |
| **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY** (appointed by Hampshire County Commissioners) | | |
| KENNETH BEALS | 5 year | 1998 |
| **HILLTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (appointed by The Hilltown Community Development Corporation) | | |
| ANDREW MOREHOUSE | 1 year | 1997 |
| **BRASSWORKS REUSE COMMITTEE** | | |
| JEFFREY CIUFFREDA, Chairman | 1 year | 1999 |
| LLOYD WARRINER | 1 year | 1999 |
| LAWRENCE HOTT | 1 year | 1999 resigned 1998 |
| Vacancy (L. Hott position) | | |

## 1998 APPOINTED OFFICIALS — TERM — EXPIRATION

### ARTS COUNCIL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BARBARA DRINKWATER | 2 year | Nov | 1997 |
| SUSAN URQUHART | 2 year | Nov | 1997 |
| TAMARA HAMMER | 2 year | Sept | 1998 |
| AMANDA EMERSON | 2 year | Nov | 1998 |
| WILLIAM ROHAN, Chairman | 2 year | April | 1999 |

### VETERANS' AGENT (appointed July 1)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| L. HALDEN WENTWORTH | 1 year | 1999 |

### PROCUREMENT OFFICER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| JEFFREY S. CIUFFREDA | 1 year | 1998 |

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ELIZABETH BELL | 1 year | 1998 |
| VACANCY | 1 year | 1995 |
| VACANCY | 1 year | 1995 |

### PIONEER VALLEY REGION JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ROGER BISBEE | 1 year | 1999 |

### WILLIAMSBURG FIREFIGHTERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ROGER BISBEE, Chief | 1 year | 1999 |

**MEMBERS** (appointed by Fire Chief)

DONALD LAWTON, Deputy Chief
JEREMIAH PELKEY, Deputy Chief
JAMES FERRON, Captain
TIMOTHY MCQUESTON, Captain
DONALD TURNER, Lieutenant
ERIC CERETTA, Lieutenant
DARYL SPRINGMAN, Lieutenant

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| PHILIP BACON | DANIEL BANISTER | PETER BANISTER |
| JACK CONNELL | JASON CONNELL | JOHN CONNELL |
| MARK CURTIN | ALAN EVERETT | GLEN EVERETT |
| PETER HANNUM | JARED KAJKA | PAMALA LAWTON |
| CORY MCGILL | KEVIN MITCHELL | MARK OBER |
| JOHN POPE | PAUL SANDERSON | GILMAN SMITH |
| ANTHONY THOMAS | | |

### CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| PATRICIA COTTON | 1 year | 1998 * |
| ROBERT BUCHELLE | 1 year | 1998 * |
| MICHAEL LONG | 2 years | 1999 ** |
| BRUCE TOLDA | 1 year | 1999 ** |
| KATHY EMERSON | 3 years | 1999 ** |

( **appointed by Selectmen) ( * appointed by Finance Committee)

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

| 1998 ELECTED OFFICIALS | TERM | EXPIRATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **SELECTMEN** | | | |
| BERTIL LIANDER, | 3 years | 2001 | [268-3258] |
| JEFFREY S. CIUFFREDA, Chair | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7919] |
| FREDERICK GOODHUE | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7467] |
| **HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT COUNCILORS** | | | |
| EILEEN STEWART | 2 years | 1999 | [268-3525] |
| **TOWN CLERK** | | | |
| CHARLENE L. NARDI | 1 year | 1999 | [268-8402] |
| **ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK** | | | |
| BONNIE ROBERGE | (appointed by Town Clerk) | | |
| **TREASURER** | | | |
| KAREN KAROWSKI | 1 year | 1999 | |
| **ASSESSORS** | | | |
| MARJORIE DUNPHY | 3 years | 2001 | [268-7295] |
| HENRY J. WARNER,Chairman | 3 years | 1999 | [268-8403] |
| DENISE BANISTER | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7981] |
| **ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL** | | | |
| ERIC CERRETA | 1 year | 1999 | [268-7118] |
| **LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE** | | | |
| SUSAN SNOW | 3 years | 1999 | [268-9298] |
| SUSAN FARRELL, Chairman | 3 years | 2000 | [268-9298] |
| PAUL DUNPHY | 3 years | 2001 | |
| SANDY GOLDBERG | 1 year | 1999 | |
| KAREN ENGLAND | 1 year | 1999 | |

1998 ELECTED OFFICIALS TERM EXPIRATION

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| STEVE CLARK | 3 years | 2001 | |
| SALLY GULMI | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7623] |
| GEORGE FLECK | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7956] |

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DONNA GIBSON | 3 years | 2001 | [268-7421] |
| DONALD LAWTON | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7487] |
| IRA GABRIELSON, Chairman | 3 years | 2000 | [268-9432] |

**Health Agent**
Maxine Schmidt [268-8404]

**WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DAVID HASKELL | 3 years | 2001 | [268-3631] |
| HOWARD SANDERSON | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7822] |
| DONALD OWENS | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7661] |
| WALTER KELLOGG, Chairman | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7579] |
| RICHARD L. CHILDS | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7754] |

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HELEN BACON | 3 years | 2001 | |
| ANN HAXO | 3 years | 2001 | [268-3159] |
| PETER W SIERSMA | 2 years | 1999 | |
| DIANE K GAREY | 2 years | 1999 | [268-3100] |
| JAMES LOCKE | 3 years | 2000 | |
| DEBORAH NISWONGER | 3 years | 2000 | [268-3607] |

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CARL CIGNONI | 3 years | 2001 | |
| STEPHEN ROZWENC | 2 years | 1999 | [268-3282] |
| DONNA GULOW | 2 years | 1999 | [268-7504] |
| DEBRA J PIEKARSKI | 1 year | 1999 | [268-9282] |
| ALAN GOLASH | 3 years | 2001 | |

**MODERATOR**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| EILEEN STEWART | 1 year | 1999 | [268-3525] |

**TRUST FUND COMMISSION**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILBUR LOOMIS | 3 years | 2001 | [268-7582] |
| JOHN POHANKA | 3 years | 1999 | to fill L. Warriner term |
| LLOYD WARRINER | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7462] resigned 6/2/98 |
| JAMES DIDONATO | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7619] |

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vacancy | 3 years | 1998-2001 | |
| GORDON ALLEN, Chair | 3 years | 2001 | [268-7218] |
| PATRICIA COTTON | 3 years | 2001 | [268-0387] |
| KATHRYN WARNER | 3 years | 1999 | [268-3311] |
| Resigned 6/22/98 | | | |
| HIROSHI AKIMOTO | 3 years | 1999 | |
| Appt 11/98 to fill remaining term of K. Warner | | | |
| ALBERT MOSHER, JR | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7723] |
| WILLIAM SAYRE | 3 years | 1999 | [268-7485] |
| EDWIN EVERETT | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7733] |
| ROBERT BUCHELE | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7609] |
| WARREN WHITE | 3 years | 2000 | [268-7714] |

**WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOL COUNCIL** (Elected by School Committee)

| | |
|---|---|
| ALFRED J. VENNE | Co-Chair |
| GEORGE FLECK | Co-Chair |
| PATRICIA BILLINGSLEY | Parent |
| MARSHA LEAVITT | Parent |
| STEPHEN SNOW | Parent |
| SHERRI MARTI | Teacher |
| AMELIA WRIGHT | Teacher |
| LISA PELOQUIN | Teacher |
| VICTORIA WEED | Parent |

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
## BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
## 1998

**JANUARY 27**

**ANTHONY NICHOLAS ALTIMARI** son to Robin E. Riessman and Ronald P. Altimari of 25 South Main Street, Haydenville. Born in Northampton, MA.

**FEBRUARY 11**

**AJAY BHUSHAN ROSENFELD** son to Nalini Bhushan and Stuart M. Rosenfeld of 11 Cole Road, Haydenville. Born in Northampton, MA.

**FEBRUARY 22**

**CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH RICHARD** son to Lisa A. Richard and Frank R. Richard of 170 Main Street, Haydenville. Born in Northampton, MA

**MARCH 5**

**KATHERINE EMMA ANDERSON** daughter to Sara R. Wein and Neal G. Anderson of 3 North Street, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**MARCH 13**

**MATTHEW ARES TORREY** son to Misty A. Torrey and Robert W. Torrey of 8 River Road, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**MARCH 31**

**NICKOLAS LAWTON CURTIN** son to Jessica R. Curtin and Mark G. Curtin of 14 Pine Street, Haydenville. Born in Northampton, MA.

**MAY 27**

**HUNTER THOMAS LEFEBVRE** son to Elaine A. Lefebvre and Charles D. Lefebvre of 34 South Main Street, Haydenville. Born in Holyoke, MA.

**MAY 30**

**JULIAN LAURENCE LAIRD** son to Margaret B. Laird and Duncan J. Laird of 104 Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**JUNE 29**

**RENATA YVONNE PEPI** daughter to Nora K. Pepi and John R. Pepi of 39 South Street, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**JULY 4**

**GABRIELA FRANCES RAMIREZ-LYON** daughter to Tracy F. Ramirez-Lyon and Jose R. Ramirez Velazquez, Jr. of 86 South Street, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**JULY 19**

**JULIA VICTORIA SMITH** daughter to Marie R. Smith and Gregory C. Smith of 40 Nash Hill Road, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**OCTOBER 12**

**FORREST ROBERT HUNTLEY** son to Heather M. Huntley and Brian S. Huntley of 19 South Street, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**OCTOBER 13**

**JACOB ROBERT BIHLER** son to Carole J. Bihler and Robert J. Bihler of 83 South Street, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**OCTOBER 16**

**AILIS ANNE O'SULLIVAN** daughter to Diane M. O'Sullivan and John J. O'Sullivan, Jr. of 12 Fairfield Ave, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**OCTOBER 23**

**CALEIGH MARIE CREIGHTON** daughter to Dawn M. Creighton and Donald Creighton, II of 15 Goshen Road, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**OCTOBER 27**

**SAMANTHA MORIAH EAGAN** daughter to Khia M. Eagan and Ryan D. Eagan of 7 Nash Hill Road, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**OCTOBER 28**

**REGAN PETER BISHOP** son to Diane C. Bishop and Dennis J. Bishop of 179 Main Street, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**DECEMBER 14**

**MARLENA JEAN SCHLERMAN** daughter to Susan E. Froehlich and Carl P. Schlerman of 11 South Street, Williamsburg. Born in Springfield, MA.

**DECEMBER 15**

**JULIA SHAYNA SNODGRASS** daughter to Judith A. Goldman and James S. Snodgrass of 89 South Street, Williamsburg. Born in Northampton, MA.

**DECEMBER 26**

**MOLLY ROSE CHENEY** daughter to Karen Marie Cheney and James Michael Cheney, Sr. of 147 Main Street, Haydenville. Born in Greenfield, MA.

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## DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
## 1998

**January 5**

**Richard B Warren**, son of Henry Warren and Rachel Moore, husband of Athena Caprarro. Born January 1, 1916 in Newton, Massachusetts; died at Hampshire County Long Term Care Facility, Northampton, MA.

**January 6**

**Samuel Edward Ronk**, son of Samuel Elmer Ronk and Mary Katheryn Sperry, husband of Mary Getrude Godfrey. Born May 23, 1907 in Battle Creek, Michigan; died at home on Old Goshen Road, Williamsburg, MA.

**January 30**

**Gladys A. Smith**, daughter of Clarence E. Akerstrom and Frances Beach, wife of A. Donald Smith. Born September 15, 1908 in Arlington, Massachusetts; died at Linda Manor extended Care Facility, Northampton, MA. Buried at Village Hill Cemetery.

**February 21**

**Roberta E. Pelkey**, daughter of Alfred Jackson and Rachel Stowell, wife of Jeremiah Pelkey. Born March 3, 1934 in North Adams, Massachusetts; died at home on High Street, Williamsburg, MA. Buried at East Leverett Cemetery.

**February 23**

**Anna Frances Tower**, daughter of Michael H Smart and Mary Watson, widow of Bertrand Tower. Born October 23, 1901 in Huntington, Massachusetts; died at Hampshire Care, Northampton, MA.

**March 10**

**Arthur Donald Smith, Sr**., son of Thomas Smith and Evelyn G. Wallis, widower of Gladys Akerstrom. Born December 2, 1907 in Medford, Massachusetts; died at Linda Manor Extended Care Facility, Northampton, MA. Buried at Village Hill Cemetery.

**March 26**

**Elizabeth Magdalenski**, daughter of Andrew Korpita and Edith Botz, widow of Benjamin Magdalenski. Born September 28, 1912 in Sunderland, Massachusetts; died at Hampshire Care, Northampton, MA. Buried at St. Mary's Cemetery.

**April 23**

**Michael Ross Perlman**, son of Donald Perlman and Harriet Kaplan. Born September 7, 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio; died at home on Hemenway Road, Williamsburg, MA.

**June 9**

**Anne M. Cross**, daughter of John Gale and Mary Bruce, wife of Norman Cross. Born December 8, 1923 in Boston, Massachusetts; died at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, MA. Buried at Village Hill Cemetery.

**July 11**

**Rowena I. Golash**, daughter of Herbert Nye and Charlotte Culverhouse, widow of Vardic Golash. Born January 23, 1930 in Williamsburg, Massachusetts; died at Hampshire Care, Northampton, MA. Buried St. Mary's Cemetery.

**July 11**

**Charles Thomas Urekew**, son of Charles M. Urekew and Kathleen M. Keating. Born March 5, 1956 in Northampton, Massachusetts; died at home on Fairfield Ave, Williamsburg, MA. Buried at St. Mary's Cemetery.

**July 13**

**Carolyn E. Kreps**, daughter of William C. Fetz and Hyacinth Hook, wife of Meldren S. Kreps. Born January 10, 1920 in Elwood, Indiana; died at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, MA. Buried at Village Hill Cemetery.

**July 13**

**David N. Sarafin**, son of Edward Sarafin and Flora Lafreniere. Born June 10, 1948 in Northampton, Massachusetts; died at Nash Hill Place, Williamsburg, MA. Buried at Brookside Cemetery.

**July 28**

**Dorothy S. Robertson**, daughter of Charles Storey and Kate M. Brown, widow of Sylvester P. Robertson. Born November 7, 1906 in East London, South Africa; died at Hampshire Care, Northampton, MA.

**August 2**

**Everett Mark Hafner**, son of Mark Hafner and Frances Cisin. Born May 20, 1920 in New York, New York; died in Worthington, MA.

**August 2**

**Neil F. Hammer**, son of Nathan Hammer and Barbara Cruger, husband of Tamara Schorr-Kon. Born September 9, 1956 in Manhattan, New York; died in Worthington, MA.

**August 2**

**David R. Ilnicky**, son of Paul Ilnicky and June Barnes. Born August 20, 1965 Holyoke, Massachusetts; died Williamsburg, MA.

**August 18**

**Fernande M. Jenkins**, daughter of Alfred Bibeau and Cora Cardin, wife of Lucius Jenkins. Born August 27, 1925 in Northampton, Massachusetts; died in Northampton, MA.

**August 23**

**Eleanor T. Symons**, daughter of Clinton Tower and Lucy Allen, widow of Victor Symons. Born September 29, 1905 in Northampton, Massachusetts; died at home on High Street, Williamsburg, MA.

**September 4**

**David L. Dewey**, son of Frederick G. Dewey and Mae Wenzel, widower of Carol E. Packard. Veteran of World War II. Born May 14, 1922 in Williamsburg, Massachusetts; died at Hampshire Care, Northampton, MA. Buried at High Street Cemetery.

**October 12**

**Nicholas Makris**, son of Vasilios Makris and Demetra Xirafis, widower of Angeline Haines. Born June 10, 1901 in Levidi, Greece; died at home on High Street, Williamsburg, MA. Buried at Forestdale Cemetery.

**October 23**

**Gerald A. Laurin**, son of Francis A. Laurin and Olivine A. Lussier, widower of Helen Crosley. Veteran of World War II. Born March 5, 1929 in Easthampton, Massachusetts; died at home on Goshen Road, Williamsburg, MA.

**October 24**

**Iris Denese Beliveau,** daughter to George McLaughlin and Burle Martin, wife of Ernest Beliveau. Born February 23, 1920 in Oakland, California; died at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. Buried at St. Mary's Cemetery.

**November 13**

**Richard H. Turner, Sr**., son to Leon Turner and Emily Damon, widower of Lois Nehring. Veteran of World War II. Born September 12, 1925 in Charlemont, Massachusetts; died at VA Medical Center, Northampton, MA.

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## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
## 1998

**May 16**

**Karen E. Gunther**, daughter of Cecilia L. Mclean and Stephen E. Bristol to **Eric J. Nesbitt**, son of Elaine A Richards and Edward J. Nesbitt: Married at West Whately Chapel, Whately, MA.

**May 31**

**Cindy Fay Ellin**, daughter of Lois Janet Ross and Melvin Ellin to **Robert Edward Spelman**, son of Helen Frances Kennedy and Bernard Spelman: Married at 11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA.

**May 30**

**Rachel Dawn Ashton**, daughter to Maryanne E. Kubacki and Jerome D. Ashton to **Daryl R. Springman**, son of Deborah A. Shea and Daryl C. Springman: Married at Phillips Stevens Chapel, Easthampton, MA.

**June 13**

**Hannah Carpenter Baton Niswonger**, daughter of Deborah Carpenter and Gary Lewis Niswonger to **Philip Shannon Wickline**, son of Susan Whitaker and John Andrew Wickline: Married at Grace Church, Amherst, MA.

**June 20**

**Martha Leverett Smith**, daughter of Susan Brewster Taylor and Philip Freeland Smith to **William James Fennessey**, son of Matilda Menegat and Richard Arthur Fennessey: Married at Childs Park, Northampton, MA.

**July 4**

**Carol Ann Couchon**, daughter of Barbara N. Lamothe and Donald C. Couchon to **Gregory Ralph Conz**, son of Elaine Elenor Swiercz and Ralph Stanley Conz: Married at 49 Sugar Hill Road, Chesterfield, MA.

**August 22**

**Laura Kristen Baker**, daughter of Patricia J. Howard and David R. Baker to **Scott M. Norris**, son of Gail E. Thompson and Thomas J. Norris: Married in Deerfield, MA.

**August 29**

**Jeanette A. Bourgault**, daughter of Marie Gerrtrude Leviellee and Alfred C. Bourgault to **Gene C. Taylor**, son of Mary T. Butynski and Roger F. Taylor: Married at 59 Depot Road, Williamsburg, MA.

**September 12**

**Lisa Lee Liimatainen**, daughter of Karen Christine Brooks and Ray Douglas Liimatainen to **Craig Charles Marney**, son of Karen Louise Affhauser and Charles Herbert Marney: Married at Florence Congregational Church, Northampton, MA.

**September 19**

**Jennifer Ann Talbot**, daughter of Janis A. Zawacki and John M. Talbot to **Neil Ryan Neuhauser**, son of Nancy Tiffany and Ryan Albert Neuhauser: Married at 517 West Road, Worthington, MA.

# CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION
# TOWN CAUCUS

We certify that a caucus of qualified voters of the Town of Williamsburg was called and held in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto, at the Anne T. Dunphy School on the ninth day of March, 1998, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by the Moderator, Eileen Stewart. A Chairman and Secretary were selected.

Chairman: Eileen Stewart
Secretary: Charlene L. Nardi

| OFFICE | TERM | CANDIDATE | RESIDENCE | SIGNATURE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SELECTMAN | 3 | BERTIL LIANDER | 74 South St | Signed by same |
| COUNTY COMMISSIONER | 3 | EILEEN STEWART | 7 Petticoat Hill Rd | Signed by same |
| TOWN CLERK | 1 | CHARLENE NARDI | 70 Nash Hill Rd. | Signed by same |
| TREASURER | 1 | KAREN KAROWSKI | 94 b Old Goshen Rd | Signed by same |
| ASSESSOR | 3 | MARJORIE DUNPHY | 16 North Main St | Signed by same |
| ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL | 1 | ERIC CERRETA | 157Main St. | Signed by same |
| LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE | 3 | JOAN SCHAFFER | 2 The Lope | Signed by same |
| | 3 | PAUL DUNPHY | 3 Grove St | Signed by same |
| | 3 | DEB PIEKARSKI | 12 Goshen Rd | Declined Nomination |
| REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE | 3 | STEVE CLARK | 104 South St | Signed by same |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | 3 | DONNA GIBSON | 110 Nash Hill Rd | Signed by same |
| WATER/SEWER COMMISSION | 3 | DAVID HASKELL | 3 c Village Hill Rd | Signed by same |

| OFFICE | TERM | CANDIDATE | RESIDENCE | SIGNATURE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES | 3 | ANN HAXO | 11 High St | Signed by same |
| | 3 | HELEN BACON | 10 Petticoat Hill Rd | Signed by same |
| RECREATION COMMISSION | 3 | CARL CIGNONI | 168 Main St | Signed by same |
| | 3 | ALAN GOLASH | 28 Kingsley Ave | Signed by same |
| | 1 | DEB PIEKARSKI | 12 Goshen Rd | Signed by same |
| MODERATOR | 1 | EILEEN STEWART | 7 Petticoat Hill Rd | Signed by same |
| TRUST FUND COMMISSION | 3 | WILBUR LOOMIS<br>JOHN POHANKA | 32 Mountain St<br>123 South St | Signed by same<br>Declined nomination |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | 3 | PATRICIA COTTON | 70 Briar Hill Rd | Signed by same |
| | 3 | GORDON ALLEN | 48 Nash Hill Rd | Signed by same |
| | 3 | LLOYD WARRINER | | Declined nomination |

We hereby certify that at least forty qualified voters of the Town of Williamsburg participated and voted therein. Due to the fact that all of the nominees would be placed on the ballot, it was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot to certify the nominees be certified. We also certify that the caucus voted that in the case of death, withdrawal or in-eligibility of the candidate or candidates so nominated, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the following: a committee consisting of the Chairman of the Caucus, the Secretary of the Caucus and the Board of Selectmen.

S/ Eileen Stewart, Presiding Officer
S/ Charlene Nardi , Secretary to Caucus
S/ Charlene Nardi, Town Clerk

Filed March 23, 1998

A TRUE COPY ATTEST CHARLENE L. NARDI, TOWN CLERK

Charlene L Nardi

# TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

Minutes of the Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting
May 4, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 10am in the Anne T. Dunphy School and Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting was moved and balloting begun. The meeting was recessed to 7pm after motion made to read the call, first article of the special Town Meeting and return to service.

The polls were closed at 7pm. The following results of the Election were declared at 9:30pm.

VOTES CAST 164

| OFFICE / NAME | TERM | VOTES | | SWORN IN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SELECTMEN | 3 YEARS | | | |
| BERTIL LIANDER | | 122 | E | May 4, 1998 |
| PERI HALL | | 1 | | |
| LINDA WEST | | 2 | | |
| JEFF CRANSTON | | 1 | | |
| DAVID HASKELL | | 1 | | |
| BLANKS | | 37 | = 164 | |
| COUNTY COMMISSIONR | 3 YEARS | | | |
| EILEEN STEWART | | 128 | E | May 4, 1998 |
| BLANKS | | 36 | = 164 | |
| TOWN CLERK | 1 YEAR | | | |
| CHARLENE NARDI | | 142 | E | May 4, 1998 |
| BLANKS | | 22 | = 164 | |
| TREASURER | 1 YEAR | | | |
| KAREN KAROWSKI | | 135 | E | May 4, 1998 |
| BLANKS | | 29 | = 164 | |
| ASSESSOR | 3 YEARS | | | |
| MARJORIE DUNPHY | | 133 | E | May 4, 1998 |
| BLANKS | | 31 | = 164 | |
| LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE | 3 YEARS | | | |
| JOAN SCHAFFER | | 112 | E | |
| PAUL DUNPHY | | 132 | E | |
| NANCY FORSTER | | 43 | E | |
| MICHELLE MORRIS | | 2 | | |
| JOHN POHANKA | | 1 | | |
| CHRISTINE GIERS | | 1 | | |
| JEFFREY AVER | | 1 | | |
| BLANKS | | 200 | = 492 | |
| REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE | 3 YEARS | | | |
| STEVE CLARK | | 134 | E | |
| BLANKS | | 30 | = 164 | |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | 3 YEARS | | | |
| DONNA GIBSON | | 132 | E | May 13, 1998 |
| BLANKS | | 32 | = 164 | |

| OFFICE<br>NAME | VOTES | TERM<br>SWORN IN | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER | | 3 YEARS | | |
| DAVID HASKELL | | 137 | E | May 6, 1998 |
| BLANKS | | 27 | = 164 | |
| BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES | | 3 YEARS | | |
| ANN HAXO | | 123 | E | |
| HELEN BACON | | 120 | E | |
| BLANKS | | 85 | = 328 | |
| RECREATION COMMISSION | | 3 YEARS | | |
| CARL CIGNONI | | 122 | E | May 6, 1998 |
| ALAN GOLASH | | 130 | E | May 6, 1998 |
| RICK LOEHN | | 5 | | |
| BLANKS | | 71 | = 328 | |
| RECREATION COMMISSION | | 1 YEAR | | |
| DEB PIEKARSKI | | 127 | E | May 6, 1998 |
| RICHARD LOEHN | | 4 | | |
| BLANKS | | 33 | = 164 | |
| MODERATOR | | 1 YEAR | | |
| EILEEN STEWART | | 119 | E | May 4, 1998 |
| BLANKS | | 45 | = 164 | |
| TRUST FUND COMMISSION | | 3 YEARS | | |
| WILBUR LOOMIS | | 136 | E | |
| BLANKS | | 28 | = 164 | |
| ELECTOR UNDER THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH | | 1 YEAR | | |
| ERIC CERRETA | | 133 | E | May 7, 1998 |
| BLANKS | | 31 | = 164 | |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | | 3 YEARS | | |
| PATRICIA COTTON | | 131 | E | |
| GORDON ALLEN | | 128 | E | |
| BOBBI YOUNG | | 1 | | |
| STEVE ROZWENC | | 1 | | |
| DAVID WEST | | 1 | | |
| BRUCE ROSEWARNE | | 1 | | |
| LINDA GIBSON | | 1 | | |
| DEBORAH JACOBSON | | 1 | | |
| MARK ROSEWSWICZ | | 1 | | |
| CHRISTINE DUGGAN | | 1 | | |
| JEFFREY AUER | | 1 | | |
| JAMES CAHILLANE | | 1 | | |
| LORRAINE BARRACK | | 1 | | |
| BLANKS | | 222 | = 492 | |

ELECTION OFFICERS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ELIZABETH LOJKO | WARDEN | RHEA SANDERSON | CLERK |
| MAUREEN MATHERS | POLLWORKER | JANET NURCZYK | POLLWORKER |
| ALICE A GOLASH | POLLWORKER | M WELLINGTON GRAVES | POLLWORKER |
| DORIS TAYLOR | POLLWORKER | ALBERT MOSHER | POLLWORKER |
| LUCILLE CLARK | POLLWORKER | LOUISE HENRY | POLLWORKER |

A quorum being present the Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Moderator Eileen Stewart

Special Town Meeting

Article 1

MOVED AND SECONDED TO TRANSFER $3,900 FROM FISCAL 1998 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABOR TO FISCAL 1998 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT GARAGE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
FY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABOR ACCOUNT

Article 2

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $150 TO PAY RALMON BLACK FOR BOARD OF APPEALS WORK PERFORMED IN FISCAL 1997 AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM FREE CASH.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
FREE CASH

Article 3

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $21,000 TO REMOVE THE UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE TANKS AT THE HIGHWAY GARAGE AND REPLACE THEM WITH SUITABLE ABOVE GROUND FUEL TANKS AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM FREE CASH.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
FREE CASH

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1

TOWN OFFICERS WERE ELECTED BY BALLOT 10AM – 7PM

Article 2

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BE AUTHORIZED TO CHOOSE ALL NECESSARY MINOR OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 3

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MODERATOR BE AUTHORIZED TO CHOOSE A COMMITTEE TO EXPEND THE INCOME FROM THE WHITING FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUS

MOVED AND SECONDED TO HAVE THE TOWN CONSIDER ARTICLES 26 AND 27 AT THIS POINT OF TOWN MEETING.

PASSED – MAJORITY

Article 26

MOVED AND SECONDED TO ESTABLISH THREE NEW TRUST FUNDS, THE INVESTMENT OF WHICH SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRUST FUND/CEMETERY COMMISSION AND SAID TRUST FUNDS TO BE SET UP AND ADMINISTERED AS FOLLOWS:

THE BRASSWORKS RECREATION TRUST FUND

This Fund shall be established at the level of $100,000 of which $50,000 shall be spent on recreational activities, including but not limited to: maintenance of existing facilities, purchase of new structures to be used for recreational purposes, repairs to existing recreational structures, and purchase of supplies and materials related to any recreational activities. Those expenditures under $10,000 may be authorized by the Brassworks Reuse Committee. Those expenditures equal to and over $10,000 shall be authorized by a vote of Town Meeting.

Additionally, up to $50,000 of this account can be spent on long range projects, including but not limited to the purchase or lease of land to be used for recreational purposes, the purchase or lease of equipment for recreational purposes, improvements to recreational land. Items up to $10,000 can be authorized by the Brassworks Reuse Committee with expenditures equal to and over $10,000 to be authorized by a vote of Town Meeting.

THE BRASSWORKS HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND

This Fund shall be established by depositing $25,000 from the Brassworks Fund and in addition all repayments to the Town of Williamsburg from the Hilltown Community Development Corporation from a $50,000 loan made to them by a vote of a Special Town Meeting dated November 17, 1997, Article one. These monies shall be spent in the form of a loan or expenditure for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance or creation of affordable housing either in the form of new construction or rehabilitated stock. If a loan is made, the repayments of said loan would be deposited into this account. Any and all loans equal to and over $10,000 shall be approved by a vote of the Town Meeting after recommendation by the Brassworks Reuse Committee. Expenditures under $10,000 shall be made at the discretion of the Brassworks Reuse Committee. The other authorized use of this fund will be for the purchase, lease or upgrade of any land to be used for economic development purposes within the Town of Williamsburg. Any proceeds from the resale or lease of such properties will be deposited into this fund.

THE BRASSWORKS SMALL BUSINESS LOAN TRUST FUND

This Fund shall be established at the level of $185,000. These funds shall be used for making loans to qualified small businesses per guidelines currently being used by the Brassworks Reuse Committee. These funds shall be at the discretion of the Brassworks Reuse Committee. All proceeds from the repayment of the loans made shall be deposited into this account.

THE THREE TRUST FUNDS SHALL BE FULLY ESTABLISHED BY JUNE 30, 1999 WITH ANY AND ALL REMAINING FUNDS TO BE DEEMED AS FREE CASH. PERIODIC DECLARATIONS OF FREE CASH FROM THESE ACCOUNTS CAN BE MADE BY A VOTE OF TOWN MEETING.

Motion made and seconded to amend the Brassworks Recreation Trust Fund, paragraph 2 as follows: at the end of paragraph ADD "FIRST PRIORITY FOR DISPENSING THESE FUNDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TOWN RECREATION PROJECTS AND NEEDS."

Moved and seconded to move the question as amended – Article 26
Passed – Unanimous
VOTING YES – 71
VOTING NO – 12

PASSED – MAJORITY

Article 27

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RESCIND THE VOTE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 1983, SETTING UP THE BRASSWORKS LOAN REUSE COMMITTEE AND VOTE IN PLACE THEREOF:

THAT THE TOWN ESTABLISH A BRASSWORKS REUSE COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTER THE BRASSWORKS TRUSTS FUNDS AS SET UP BY THE VOTE ON ARTICLE 26 OF THIS TOWN MEETING, SAID COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD TO BE APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND TWO MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. THESE APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE JULY 1, 1999 WITH THE CURRENT BOARD TO SERVE UNTIL THAT TIME.

Moved and seconded to amend Article 27, paragraph two by striking "one member of the Planning Board to be appointed annually _ at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen." With "THREE ELECTED MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE SO THAT ONE SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, THE SECOND FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AND THE THIRD FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS AND THAT AS EACH TERM EXPIRES, MEMBERS WILL RUN FOR THREE YEAR TERMS."

Voting Yes – 40
Voting No – 56
AMENDMENT DEFEATED

Moved and seconded to amend Article 27, paragraph two by striking "one member of the Planning Board to be appointed annually _ at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen." With "THREE MEMBERS, ONE APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, ONE APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND ONE APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN"

Voting Yes – 51
Voting No – 43
AMENDMENT PASSED – MAJORITY

PASSED AS AMENDED – MAJORITY

Article 4

MOVED AND SECONDED TO EMPOWER THE BOARD OF SELCTMEN, BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISIONERS, BOARD OF ASSESSORS, BOARD OF HEALTH, BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE TRUSTEES OF LIBRARIES TO APPOINT THEIR OWN MEMBERS TO TOWN DEPARTMENTS AT SUCH SALARIES OR WAGE RATES AS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 5

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO APPOINT A TOWN SECRETARY TO SERVE FROM JULY 1, 1998 TO JUNE 30, 1999, WHO SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH AN OFFICE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN SUCH PLACE AND DURING SUCH HOURS AS MAY BE JUDGED MOST CONVENIENT AND WHOSE DUTIES SHALL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 6

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING FUND UNDER G.L. 44, SEC.53 E ½ THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING FISCAL 1999 TO PAY FOR THE INSPECTION FEES REQUIRED UNDER THE PERMIT PROCESS: THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ONLY THOSE FEES SPECIFIC TO INSPECTIONS, WITH THE FEES ESSTABLILSHED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PER APPLICATION AND PER FIXTURE, DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND. THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR MAY SPEND $2,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES FOR THE PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 1999

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 7

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING FUND UNDER G.L.44, SEC. 53 E ½ THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE GAS INSPECTOR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING FISCAL 1999 TO PAY FOR THE INSPECTION FEES REQUIRED UNDER THE PERMIT PROCESS: THE GAS INSPECTOR REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ONLY THOSE FEES SPECIFIC TO INSPECTIONS, WITH THE FEES ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PER APPLICATION DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND. THE GAS INSPECTOR MAY SPEND $1,500 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES FOR THE PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 1999.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 8

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING FUND UNDER G.L.44, SEC. 53 E ½ THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING FISCAL 1999 TO PAY FOR THE INSPECTION FEES REQUIRED UNDER THE PERMIT PROCESS: THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ONLY THOSE FEES SPECIFIC TO INSPECTIONS, WITH THE FEES ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PER APPLICATION DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND. THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR MAY SPEND $4,500 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES FOR THE PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 1999.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 9

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING FUND UNDER G.L.44, SEC. 53 E ½ THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE BOARD OF APPEALS WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING FISCAL 1999 TO PAY FOR THE PREPARATION AND CONDUCTING OF HEARINGS REQUIRED UNDER THE PERMIT PROCESS: THE BOARD OF APPEALS REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ONLY THOSE FEES SPECIFIC TO APPLICATIONS. THE BOARD OF APPEALS MAY SPEND $1,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES FOR THE PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 1999.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 10

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING FUND UNDER G.L.44, SEC. 53 E ½ THAT MAY BE SPENT BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION DURING FISCAL 1999 TO PAY FOR THE DISPOSAL COSTS OF THE OPEN BOX AND MANAGEMENT OF TRANSFER STATION AND DISPOSAL AREAS. THE BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING FUND IS TO BE CREDITED WITH ALL THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THOSE SERICES. THE BOARD OF HEALTH MAY SPEND $18,000 IN REVOLVING FUND MONIES FOR THE PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 1999.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 20

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE A MATCHING SUM OF $5,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING AN EQUAL GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION. THIS GRANT WILL BE USED TO ASSIST THE TOWN IN ACCOUNTING FOR VIRTUALLY ALL BUILDINGS, SITES, BURIAL GROUNDS, AND OTHER FEATURES THAT WE IDENTIFY AS SIGNIFICANT IN THE HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF WILLIAMSBURG AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM FREE CASH.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
FREE CASH

Motion to consider Article 16 at this point of Town Meeting
Passed — Majority

Article 16

MOVED AND SECONDED TO FIX A SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 108, CHAPTER 41, GENERAL LAWS AS AMENDED, AND TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS SHALL BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PERIOD AS FOLLOWS:

Moved the General Government portion of the Budget - $211,346.00

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Moderator | 200 | |
| Selectboard Salaries | 5,100 | |
| Selectboard Expenses | 2,650 | |
| Advertising | 1,000 | |
| Parking Clerk Labor | 250 | |
| Parking Clerk Expenses | 50 | |
| Constable Salary | 100 | |
| Constable Elections | 200 | |
| Town Secretary Salary | 19,406 | |
| Independent Audit | 2,500 | Free Cash |
| Elector Oliver Smith Will | 25 | |
| Finance Committee Stipends | 2,700 | |
| Finance Committee Secretary | 1,400 | |
| Finance Committee Expenses | 600 | |
| Reserve Fund | 40,000 | |
| Capital Planning Labor | 375 | |
| Capital Planning Expenses | 100 | |
| Town Accountant's Salary | 13,261 | |
| Town Accountant's Expenses | 970 | |
| Assessors Salaries | 6,140 | |
| Assessors Labor | 4,500 | |
| Assessors Expenses | 3,400 | |
| Assessors — CAMA Fee | 1,500 | |
| Assessors — Revaluation | 5,000 | |
| Treasurer's Salary | 13,261 | |
| Treasurer's Expenses | 4,500 | |
| Town Collector's Salary | 20,183 | |
| Town Collector's Expenses | 9,915 | |
| Legal Counsel | 9,000 | |
| Tax Title Expense | 50 | |
| Town Clerk's Salary | 6.798 | |
| Town Clerk's Expenses | 1,300 | |
| Elections/Registrations | 1,700 | |
| Street Listings | 1,000 | |
| Conservation Commission Labor | 250 | |
| Conservation Commission Expenses | 600 | |
| Planning Board | 3,500 | |
| Appeals Board | 200 | |
| Town office Expense | 4,800 | |
| Town Buildings and Grounds | 14,000 | |
| Custodial Services | 5,500 | |
| Town Reports | 2,500 | |
| Copier Maintenance | 600 | |
| First Call for Help | 262 | |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | $211, 346 |

PASSED — UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $208,846
FREE CASH - $2,500

Moved the Protection of Persons and Property portion of the budget - $138,097

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Police Chief's Salary | 10,327 | |
| Police Department Labor | 51,885 | |
| Police Department Expenses | 22, 660 | |
| Fire Department Salaries | 6,125 | |
| Fire Department Labor | 11,000 | |
| Fire Department Expenses | 16,500 | |
| Ambulance Service | 8,500 | |
| Building Inspector Salary | 7,000 | |
| Building Inspector Expenses | 800 | |
| Civil Defense Director Salary | 300 | |
| Tree Warden | 3,000 | |
| Total Protection of Persons and Property | | $138,097 |

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $138,097

Moved the Education portion of the Budget as separate items

Moved Local Schools line $1,178,662 – Taxation
$ 17,461 – Taxation Contingent on Override
$1,196,123 – Total with Override

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $1,196,123

Moved Vocational School line $234, 150
PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $234,150

Moved Hampshire Regional line
MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $681,816, OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE CERTIFIED BY THE TREASURER OF THE HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE ASSESSMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND DEBT SERVICE CHARGES OF THE HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1998 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND, TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION, THAT $654,473 OF THIS AMOUNT BE RAISED FROM TAXATION, AND THAT THE BALANCE OF $27,434 (Williamsburg's share of fiscal 1999 payments on the oil-tank debt and the technology debt) ALSO BE RAISED FROM TAXATION, THIS BALANCE CONDITIONAL ON A VOTE TO EXCLUDE WILLIAMSBURG'S SHARE OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE OIL-TANK DEBT AND OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE TECHNOLOGY DEBT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2 ½. $654,473 – Taxation
$ 27,343 – Borrowing, contingent on debt exclusion
$681,816 – Total

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $681,816

Moved Public Works and Facilities

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Highway Labor | 104,000 | |
| Highway Maintenance Expenses | 57,750 | |
| Highway Garage/ Equipment Maintenance | 23,400 | |
| Winter Overtime | 6,790 | |
| Winter Expenses | 38,500 | |
| Street Lighting | 7,500 | |
| Transfer Station | 84,000 | |
| Cemetery Commission | 1,000 | |
| Total Public Works and Facilities | | $322,940 |

PASSED UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $322,940

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| Moved Human Services | | | $22,235 |
| Board of Health Salaries | 3,000 | | |
| Board of Health Expenses | 200 | | |
| Public Health Nurse | 2,000 | | |
| Animal Inspection | 2,000 | | |
| Council on Aging | 12,400 | | |
| Veterans Agent Salary | 1,000 | | |
| Veterans Agent Expenses | 135 | | |
| Veterans Benefits | 1,500 | | |
| Total Human Services | | | $22,235 |

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $22,235

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|---|---|---|---|
| Moved Culture and Recreation | | | $52,100 |
| Haydenville Library | 0 | | |
| Haydenville Library Books | 0 | | |
| Meekins Library – Payroll | | | 38,600 |
| Meekins Library – Expenses | 5,500 | | |
| Athletic Fields | 3,500 | | |
| Recreation Labor/Expenses | 3,500 | | |
| Historical Commission Salaries | 0 | | |
| Historical Commission Expenses | 600 | | |
| Veterans Recognition | 400 | | |
| Total Culture and Recreation | | | $52,100 |

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $52,100

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| Moved Debt Service | | | $66,432 |
| Principal – Sewer Debt | 0 | | |
| Principal – School Debt | 36,850 | Free Cash | |
| Principal Highway Truck 1 | 14,500 | Free Cash | |
| Interest – Sewer Debt | 0 | | |
| Interest School Debt | 13,929 | | |
| Interest – Highway Truck 1 | 653 | Free Cash | |
| Short-Term Interest | 500 | | |
| Total Debt Service | | | $66,432 |

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $14,429
FREE CASH - $52,003

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|---|---|---|---|
| Moved Intergovernmental Expenses | | | $28,563 |
| Hilltown Resource Management Coop | 8,808 | | |
| Foothills Health District | 19,755 | | |
| Total Intergovernmental Expenses | | | $28,563 |

PASSES – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $28,563

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|---|---|---|---|
| Moved Miscellaneous | | | $300,957 |
| County Retirement | 60,951 | | |
| Provision for COLA | 0 | | |
| Workers Compensation | 11,853 | | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 1,500 | Free Cash | |
| Health Insurance | 180,000 | | |
| Social Security/Medicare | 25,500 | | |
| General Insurance | 21,153 | | |

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| Total Miscellaneous | $300,957 |

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TAXATION - $299,457
FREE CASH - $1,500

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| Total Operating Budget | $3,254,759 |

Article 11

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE UP TO $30,000 TO CONTINUE THE REQUIREMENTS OF FORMAL CLOSURE, CAPPING AND WETLANDS PROTECTION FOR OUR WOOD WASTE DISPOSAL AREA, AS REQUIRED BY STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING FUND AND FREE CASH

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING FUND - $18,000
FREE CASH - $12,000

Article 12

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $219,852, COMPOSED OF THE AMOUNTS LISSTED BELOW FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE TOWN'S WATER SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE LAYING OF MAINS IN FISCAL 1999, AND TAKE SAID SUM FROM WATER REVENUE

| | |
|---|---|
| SALARIES | $2,800 |
| EXPENSES | $52,740 |
| DEBT SERVICE | $164,312 |
| TOTAL | $219,852 |

Article 13

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $48,900, COMPOSED OF THE AMOUNTS LISTED BELOW FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND CONSTRUCTING THE TOWN SEWER SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND TAKE SAID SUM FROM SEWER REVENUE

| | |
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| SALARIES | $2,800 |
| EXPENSES | $3,100 |
| SEWER CONSTRUCTION | |
| OPERATION & MAINTENANCE | $43,000 |
| TOTAL | $48,900 |

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
SEWER REVENUE - $48,900

Article 14

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $30,000 FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION AND TAKE SAID SUM FROM SEWER REVENUE

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
SEWER REVENUE - $30,000

Article 15

MOVED AND SECONDED TO TRANSFER THE BALANCE OF ARTICLE 8, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 3, 1993, $45,606.66 INTO WATER AVAILABLE SURPLUS

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
WATER AVAILABLE SURPLUS - $45,606.66

Article 17

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $10,000, FOR THE STABILIZATION FUND AND TAKE SAID SUM FROM FREE CASH

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
FREE CASH - $10,000

Article 18

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $28,000 FOR THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION AND OR MODIFICATION OF CRUISER AND OR EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM FREE CASH.

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
FREE CASH - $28,000

Article 19

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $2000 TO SUPPORT THE HILLTOWN ECONOMIC NETWORK (HEN PROGRAM). SUCH AND AMOUNT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE TOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN SHARING A LARGER BLOCK GRANT GRANTED TO OTHER HILLTOWNS AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM FREE CASH

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
FREE CASH - $2000

Article 21

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE THE FOLLOWING LAND PARCELS AND OR RIGHTS IN LAND PARCELS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A SECURE AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO ASHFIELD/WILLIAMSBURG ROAD

| | TOTAL # PARCELS | AREA (Square Feet) |
|---|---|---|
| PERMANENT EASEMENT | TWO | 9,625 |
| TEMPORARY EASEMENTS | TWO | 11,600 |

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase or eminent domain. The subject parcels are currently identified on plans drafted by Mass Highway Department Dated Fiscal 1998 Titled Ashfield Conway Williamsburg Ashfield/Williamsburg Road. Further to defray any associated right of way expenses connected with this project from chapter 90

PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 22

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $5,000 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF LANDS HELD BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID MAINTENANCE TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF WALKING TRAILS, PARKING AREAS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS EFFORTS AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM TIMBER SALES

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
TIMBER SALES - $5,000

Article 23

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $2,000 TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND TAKE SAID SUM FROM FREE CASH

PASSED – UNANIMOUS
FREE CASH - $2,000

Article 25

MOVED AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $10,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A PROGRAM FACILITIES BUILDING NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE HELEN E. JAMES AND ANNE T. DUNPHY SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM TAXATION CONTINGENT ON A CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURE EXCLUSION

PASSED – MAJORITY
TAXATION - $10,000 Contingent on a CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURE EXCLUSION

MOTION MOVED AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:07PM

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Charlene L Nardi

CHARLENE L. NARDI
TOWN CLERK

Copies to: Division of Local Services
Town Council
Assessors
Selectmen
Treasurer
Hampshire Regional School Committee
Local School Committee

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 15, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 10am in the Anne T. Dunphy School and Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting was moved and balloting begun. The meeting was recessed to 7pm after a motion to read the Call. First Article of the Special Town Meeting and Return to Service.

The polls were closed at 7pm. The following results of the election were made at 8:04pm.

SPECIAL OVERRIDE AND DEBT EXCLUSION ELECTION HELD JUNE 15, 1998

Question 1 - Override

SHALL THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL $17,461 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY FIRST NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY EIGHT?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VOTING YES | 206 | |
| VOTING NO | 147 | |
| BLANKS | 1 | = 354 |

PASSED

Question 2 – Debt Exclusion

SHALL THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE BOND ISSUED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WILLIAMSBURG'S SHARE OF FISCAL YEAR 1999 PRINSCIPAL & INTEREST FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANDS AND INSTALLATION OF NEW COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY FOR HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VOTING YES | 213 | |
| VOTING NO | 140 | |
| BLANKS | 1 | =354 |

PASSED

A quorum being present, the Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Moderator Eileen Stewart in the Anne T. Dunphy School to act on Articles 1 through 3.

ARTICLE 1

MOVED AND SECONDED TO VOTE TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND APPROPRIATION:

RESOLUTION TO SEEK LOWER ELECTRIC RATES IN A COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY MARKET

WHEREAS THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, BY ENACTING CHAPTER 164 OF THE ACTS OF 1997, HAS ESSTABLISHED A COMPETITVE MARKETPLACE THROUGH DEREGULATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY; AND,

WHEREAS CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HAVE SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SOCIAL INTERESTS AT STAKE; AND,

WHEREAS WILLIAMSBURG'S RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS CONSUMERS ARE INTERESTED IN REDUCING THEIR ELECTRIC RATES AND IMPROVING SERVICE;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT TOWN MEETING MEMBERS OF WILLIAMSBURG, GRANT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUKTHORITY TO DEVELOP AND PARTICIPATE IN ACONTRACT, OR CONTRACTS, FOR POWER SUPPLY AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES, INDEPENDENTLY, OR IN JOINT ACTION WITHG OTHER TOWNS. IF SUCH CONTRACTS ARE TO BE APPROVED, INDIVIDULA CONSUMERS WOULD RETAIN THE OPTION NOT TO PARTICIPATE AND TO CHOOSE ANY ALTERNATIVE FOR SERVICE THEY DESIRE, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SELECTMEN WILL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO A COUNTY-WIDE COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE SUCH JOINT ACTION, AND TO APPROPRIATE $988.00 FOR THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM THE PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY FUND

PASSED- MAJORITY

ARTICLE 2.

MOVED AND SECONDED TO VOTE TO RESCIND THE VOTE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 20 OF THE MAY 4, 1998 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WHICH APPROPRIATED $5,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING AN EQUAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000 FROM MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION, AND VOTE IN PLACE THEREOF

THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $5,000 TO BE USED TO IDENTIFY BUILDINGS, SITES, BURIAL GROUNDS, AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL LANDMARKS OF WILLIAMSBURG AND TO TAKE SAID SUM FROM FREE CASH.

PASSED - MAJORITY

The moderator, Eileen Stewart, stepped down to speak to Article 3.

Moved and seconded to nominate Ralmon Black as Moderator for Article 3.
Moved and seconded to nominate Nels Christenson as Moderator for Article 3.

Moved and seconded to close nominations.
Passed – unanimous
Votes for Nels Christenson - 128
Votes for Ralmon Black - 253

Ralmon Black nominated Moderator for Article 3

ARTICLE 3.

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG ACCEPT THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONTRUCTION OF A BICYCLE PATH (SOMETIMES KNOWN AS THE RAIL TRAIL) AS SHOWN IN PLANS ENTITLED "PLAN AND PROFILE OF NORWOTTUCK RAIL TRAIL IN NORTHAMPTON AND WILLIAMSBURG" THIS PLAN WAS PRESENTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON MAY 27, 1998; AND THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $17,400 AS OUR MATCHING PORTION OF AN $880,000 GRANT FOR LAND ACQUISITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES AND TO TAKE SUCH SUM FROM FREE CASH AND THAT THE SELECTMEN BE ALLOWED TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN EASMENTS OVER CERTAIN PROPRETIES AND TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AS SHOWN ON THOSE PLANS. THESE PROPERTIES WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PATH THROUGH ALL LEGAL MEANS INCLUDING GIFT, PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN.

Moved and seconded to stop discussion and vote on article 3.
Voting YES (to move the question) - 387 80%
Voting NO (to move the question)- 92 20%
Passed - Majority

541 BALLOTS CAST
YES 334 - 61.7%
NO 207 - 38.3%
MOTION DEFEATED

Meeting Adjourned 10:15pm

A TRUE COPY ATTEST;

Charlene L. Nardi

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TOWN CLERK

Copies to: Division of Local Services
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Assessors
Selectmen
Treasurer
Hampshire Regional School Committee

SEPTEMBER PRIMARY — September 15, 1998

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|---|---|---|---|
| Total Votes Cast | 354 | Total Registered Voters | 167 |
| Democratic Votes Cast | 254 | Registered Democrats | 576 |
| Republican Votes Cast | 100 | Registered Republicans | 206 |
| | | Unenrolled/Independents | 897 |

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### Governor

| Brian Donnelly | Scott Harshbarger | Patricia McGovern | Blanks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 137 | 88 | 14 |

### Lieutenant Governor

| Dorothy A Kelly Gay | Warren E Tolman | Blanks |
|---|---|---|
| 132 | 75 | 47 |

### Attorney General

| Lois G Pines | Thomas Reilly | Blanks |
|---|---|---|
| 149 | 71 | 34 |

### Secretary of State

| Wm. Frances Galvin | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 167 | 87 |

### Treasurer

| Shannon O'Brien | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 193 | 61 |

### Auditor

| A. Joseph Denucci | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 165 | 89 |

### Representative in Congress

| John Olver | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 201 | 53 |

### Councillor

| Edward M. O'Brien | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 175 | 79 |

### Senator in General Court

| Stanley Rosenberg | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 197 | 57 |

### Representative in General Court

| Stephen Kulik | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 195 | 59 |

### District Attorney

| Blanks | Schibel |
|---|---|
| 253 | 1 |

**Sheriff**

| Robert A Garvey | William E. Lynch | Blanks |
|---|---|---|
| 131 | 93 | 30 |

REPUBLICAN PARTY

**Governor**

| Argeo P Cellucci | Joseph D Malone | Blanks |
|---|---|---|
| 62 | 38 | 0 |

**Lieutenant Governor**

| Janey E. Jeghelian | Jane E. Swift | Blanks |
|---|---|---|
| 27 | 72 | 1 |

**Attorney General**

| Brad Bailey | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 77 | 23 |

**Secretary of State**

| Dale C Jenkins, Jr. | Blanks |
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| 79 | 21 |

**Treasurer**

| Robert A Maginn | Blanks |
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| 76 | 14 |

**Auditor**

| Michael T. Duffy | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 74 | 16 |

**Representative in Congress**

| Gregory L Morgan | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 78 | 22 |

**Councillor**

| Robert A Magovern | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 77 | 23 |

**Senator in General Court**

| Blanks | Write In<br>Phil Desrosier |
|---|---|
| 99 | 1 |

**Representative in General Court**

| Blanks |
|---|
| 100 |

**District Attorney**

| Elizabeth Scheibel | Blanks |
|---|---|
| 83 | 17 |

**Sheriff**

| | Write Ins | |
|---|---|---|
| Blanks | Lynch | Garvey |
| 94 | 5 | 1 |

A True Copy Attest:

Charlene L. Nardi
Town Clerk 9/18/98

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| November Election | Tuesday | 11/03/98 | | | |
| Total Votes Cast | 1101 | Total Registered | Voters 1701 | | |
| The Polls opened | 7:00am | | | | |
| The Polls Closed | 8:00Pm | | | | |
| **Governor** | Cellucci and Swift<br>372 | Harshbarger and Tolman<br>667 | Cook and Israel<br>45 | All Others<br>1 | Blanks<br>16 |
| **Attorney General** | Brad Bailey<br>296 | Thomas Reilly<br>725 | | All Others | Blanks<br>78 |
| **Secretary of State** | Wm. Frances Galvin<br>756 | Dale C Jenkins<br>212 | David Atkinson<br>70 | All Others | Blanks<br>63 |
| **Treasurer** | Bob Maginn<br>197 | Shannon O'Brien<br>842 | Merton Baker<br>37 | All Others | Blanks<br>25 |
| **Auditor** | A. Joseph Denucci<br>734 | Michael Duffy<br>221 | Carla A Howell<br>69 | All Others | Blanks<br>77 |
| **Representative in Congress** | John Olver<br>861 | Gregory Morgan<br>222 | | All Others<br>2 | Blanks<br>16 |
| **Councillor** | Edward M. O'Brien<br>750 | Robert "Bob" MaGovern<br>206 | Abraham Kasparian Jr<br>68 | | Blanks<br>77 |
| **Senator in General Court** | Stanley Rosenberg<br>939 | | | All Others<br>1 | Blanks<br>161 |
| **Representative in General Court** | Stephen Kulik<br>929 | | | | Blanks<br>172 |
| **District Attorney** | Elizabeth Scheibel<br>771 | | | All Others<br>1 | Blanks<br>329 |
| **Sheriff** | Robert A Garvey<br>793 | William E. Lynch<br>60 | | All Others<br>2 | Blanks<br>246 |

November Election Tuesday, November 3, 1998

Total ballots cast - 1101

## Question 1 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the two houses on July 29, 1996 and again on June 9, 1998?

A YES vote would prohibit state legislators from changing their base pay and instead would adjust that pay according to changes in median household income.

A NO vote would make no change in the method for setting legislators' base pay.

| VOTES | YES | **NO** | BLANKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 36 | **279** | 86 |

## Question 2 – LAW PROPOSED BY INTIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 1998?

A YES vote would change the laws governing public financing of campaigns

A NO vote would make no change in the laws governing public financing of campaigns.

| VOTES: | **YES** | NO | BLANKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **774** | 250 | 77 |

## Question 3 – LAW PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 1998?

A YES vote would reduce the state tax rate for interest and dividend income.

A NO vote would make no change in the current state tax rate for interest and dividend income.

| VOTES: | **YES** | NO | BLANKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **727** | 274 | 100 |

## Question 4 – REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law, which was approved by the House of Representatives on November 19, 1997 by a vote of 124 to 30, approved by the Senate on November 19, 1997 by a vote of 32 to 6?

A YES vote would continue the new law changing the electric utility industry.

A NO vote would undo these changes in the electric utility industry.

| VOTES: | **YES** | NO | BLANKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **681** | 359 | 61 |

## Question 5 – AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CHARTER

Shall the following amendment to the Hampshire County Charter proposed by a two-thirds majority of the weighted vote of the county commissioners be enacted?

Summary:

- Continue a regional organization for purposes of regional cooperation among municipalities now in Hampshire County.
- Rename the organization the "Hampshire Council of Governments".
- Allow municipalities to join or withdraw from the council of governments.
- Instead of the county tax, assess each municipality at a rate up to .0001 of its equalized valuation, with future increases and decreases limited by Proposition 2 ½.
- Allow voters to continue to elect representatives to the council in the same manner they now elect county commissioners from each municipality.

| VOTES: | YES | NO | BLANKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **748** | 215 | 138 |

A True Copy Attest: Charlene Nardi, Town Clerk

## A NOTE FROM THE COLLECTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the people in the Town of Williamsburg for their support and kindness in the past years I have served as the Town Collector.

My special thanks to Don Baldwin, (who "willed" the job to me) for always being there when I needed his expertise and encouragement while serving as my Assistant Town Collector, and for some time thereafter.

Also, thanks to Bob McQueston for his vast computer knowledge and without whose help I could not have modernized the Collector's office, nor kept my sanity at times.

To Jessica Curtin, who so faithfully kept the office going during an occasional vacation, and for a very few hours a week was able to put out the most incredible amount of work and had a great amount of computer experience and accuracy.

To the Board of Selectmen without whose support I could not have survived.

Also, my thanks to Kathy Warner, who had a vast knowledge of most aspects of the workings of the Town of Williamsburg, for her encouragement, and "a good laugh" now and again.

I would be pleased to have you all stop by the office and introduce yourself to Tess Barstow, your new Collector. Tess is sure to bring a pleasant atmosphere to this office and her past experience in a Collector's office will make a smooth transition.

Thanks to all,

Kate Curtin

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR FISCAL 1998

| | BALANCE 7/1/97 | COMMITTED | REFUNDS | ABATEMENTS | LIENS AND TAX TITLES | PAYMENTS | BALANCE 6/30/98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| REAL ESTATE FY'98 | | $ 2,105,321.28 | $ 9,065.66 | $ 29,320.60 | $ 4,316.83 | $ 2,001,943.99 | $ 78,805.52 |
| REAL ESTATE FY'97 | $ 73,411.48 | | | $ 758.69 | $ 2,364.63 | $ 43,870.94 | $ 26,417.22 |
| REAL ESTATE FY'96 | $ 32,184.34 | | | $ 53.65 | $ 321.52 | $ 27,958.88 | $ 3,850.29 |
| REAL ESTATE FY'95 | $ 5,954.82 | | | $ 51.02 | $ 27.37 | $ 4,698.76 | $ 1,177.67 |
| REAL ESTATE FY'94 | $ 624.44 | | | $ 49.58 | | $ 574.86 | $ - |
| REAL ESTATE FY'93 | $ 48.80 | | | $ 48.80 | | | $ - |
| REAL ESTATE FY'92 | $ 48.21 | | | $ 48.21 | | | $ - |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY FY'98 | | $ 30,602.24 | $ 372.09 | $ 56.42 | | $ 29,797.82 | $ 1,120.09 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY FY'97 | $ 31.08 | | | | | $ 20.65 | $ 10.43 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY FY'96 | $ 50.75 | | | | | $ 50.75 | $ - |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY FY'95 | $ 56.54 | | | | | $ 26.20 | $ 30.34 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY FY'94 | $ 125.96 | | | $ 81.74 | | $ 14.74 | $ 29.48 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY FY'93 | $ 120.03 | | | $ 80.46 | | $ 39.57 | $ - |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY FY'92 | $ 289.25 | | | $ 264.50 | | $ 24.75 | $ - |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY FY'91 | $ 233.45 | | | $ 233.45 | | | $ - |
| ROLLBACK TAX | | $ 9,252.40 | | | | $ 9,252.40 | $ - |
| FAME 1997 | | $ 656.50 | | | | $ 656.50 | $ - |
| SEWER BETTERMENT FY'98 | | $ 9,863.20 | | $ 68.00 | $ 93.00 | $ 9,289.20 | $ 413.00 |
| INT ON BETTERMENT | | $ 1,448.80 | | $ 10.00 | $ 13.65 | $ 1,364.60 | $ 60.55 |
| SEWER BETTERMENT FY'97 | $ 285.40 | | | | | $ 226.40 | $ 59.00 |
| INT ON BETTERMENT | $ 56.14 | | | | | $ 44.54 | $ 11.60 |
| SEWER BETTERMENT FY'96 | $ 34.00 | | | | | | $ 34.00 |
| INT ON BETTERMENT | $ 8.40 | | | | | | $ 8.40 |
| SEWER BETTERMENT FY'95 | $ 34.00 | | | | | | $ 34.00 |
| INT ON BETTERMENT | $ 10.10 | | | | | | $ 10.10 |
| BETTERMENT PAY-OFFS | | $ 1,352.40 | | | | $ 1,352.40 | $ - |
| INT ON PAY-OFFS | | $ 53.71 | | | | $ 53.71 | $ - |
| WATER LIENS 1998 | | $ 4,789.75 | | | $ 1,204.84 | $ 2,550.56 | $ 1,034.35 |
| SEWER LIENS 1998 | | $ 1,000.99 | | | $ 303.36 | $ 456.34 | $ 241.29 |
| WATER LIENS 1997 | $ 6,944.80 | | | | | $ 3,655.04 | $ 3,289.76 |
| SEWER LIENS 1997 | $ 775.45 | | | | | $ 617.99 | $ 157.46 |
| WATER LIENS 1996 | $ 700.24 | | | | | $ 687.20 | $ 13.04 |
| SEWER LIENS 1996 | $ 311.95 | | | | | $ 163.00 | $ 148.95 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 1998 | | $ 155,199.59 | $ 1,077.92 | $ 3,451.52 | | $ 141,246.62 | $ 11,579.37 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 1997 | $ 12,661.30 | $ 23,488.06 | $ 2,170.29 | $ 1,958.46 | | $ 34,871.67 | $ 1,489.52 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 1996 | $ 1,707.31 | $ 1,124.27 | | $ 118.25 | | $ 1,478.64 | $ 1,234.69 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 1995 | $ 1,128.75 | | | | | $ 554.58 | $ 574.17 |
| ALL PREV MOTOR VEHICLE | $ 7,607.22 | | | $ 172.50 | | $ 392.19 | $ 7,042.53 |
| | $ 145,444.21 | $ 2,344,153.19 | $ 12,685.96 | $ 36,825.85 | $ 8,645.20 | $ 2,317,935.49 | $ 138,876.82 |

## TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE WATER/SEWER COMMISSION FY'98

| | WATER | SEWER |
|---|---|---|
| BALANCE 07/01/97 | $ 84,592.16 | $ 16,102.52 |
| Committed | 202,299.80 | 55,044.70 |
| Abatements | 284.70 | 53.00 |
| Liens & Tax Titles | 4,335.58 | 906.50 |
| Payments | 209,219.68 | 44,048.75 |
| BALANCE 06/30/98 | $ 73,052.00 | $ 26,138.97 |
| Miscellaneous Payments | $ 15.00 | |
| Application Fees | 20.00 | $ 50.00 |
| Connection Fees | 100.00 | 25,000.00 |

## OTHER MONIES RECEIVED BY THE COLLECTOR DURING FY'98

| | |
|---|---|
| Board of Appeals | $ 600.00 |
| Brassworks Loan Payments | 70.196.95 |
| Building Inspector | 7,934.30 |
| Conservation Commission | 1,037.50 |
| Electrical Inspector | 3,440.00 |
| Fire Inspections | 80.00 |
| Gas Inspector | 615.00 |
| Board of Health | 36,101.00 |
| Planning Board | 1,480.00 |
| Plumbing Inspector | 1,575.00 |
| Selectmen's Miscellaneous | 1,223.10 |
| Total | $124,282.85 |

## WILLIAMSBURG COUNCIL ON AGING & REGIONAL SENIOR CENTER

The Williamsburg Council On Aging has assisted 49 individuals in 7 hilltowns with minor home repairs - 11 of those assisted reside in Williamsburg and Haydenville senior households. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs has made a new $8,000 grant fund available that assists with repairs that promote the safety and well being of our residents. Additionally, the COA's Elder Trust Fund has earmarked $500 to be used exclusively for town residents.

HEN (Hilltown Elder Network) offers individuals to help around the home, run errands, do grocery shopping, etc. This program is operated by the Hilltown Community Development Corporation in Chesterfield from EOEA funds of $14,959 obtained and administered by the Williamsburg COA. The Town of Williamsburg has made $2,000 available solely for the benefit of town residents. In this fiscal year, 14 town residents are enrolled in the HEN program.

- TRIAD (Linking seniors with law enforcement agencies) is sponsored by the COA. Consumer fraud and recommendations for safer living are addressed, solutions to specific problems are also found. This program works with the cooperation of the town Police Department, the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department, and the Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts.
- In conjunction with American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the COA offers yearly free tax preparation and financial assistance to seniors. Last year, 36 individuals were assisted with tax filings. The COA also has AARP speakers and clinics available that address issues such as **Preserving your home and assets if you become disabled and require nursing home care**. and legal subjects that cover wills and homestead filings, and many other topics.
- SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) is actively helping people to understand and complete their health and insurance forms as they cope with illness and many other senior issues. Funded by EOEA, its primary focus is the senior population.

Transportation is available for any COA event, meal site attendance, shopping, and medical visits. Transportation is provided either one-on-one or by van, through the COA in cooperation with PVTA and Franklin Regional Transportation (FRTA). This service is a very popular option for many senior residents who are unable to drive.

There are new faces at the Council. Our office assistance and Outreach worker is Fran Goebel. Fran, who resides in Williamsburg, is available 15-20 hours a week to offer assistance in the office and to those who may need information and services. Fran is also handling our active outreach program designed to increase the level of senior COA participation. Friday office hours are provided by Janet Nurczyk and Agnes Valenta who work a total of 20 hours per month - both are also involved in COA outreach activities and personal transportation. Jan is also our local HEN representative and an active council member.

The Williamsburg COA meets every month, on the third Wednesday at 12:30p.m. These meetings are open to the public. The Council can only fill needs and requests that are known to it. We hope that all will feel free to attend and to offer suggestions and ideas to council members. The Executive Committee of the council meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30a.m.

Grants received for FY99 total $48,459 and donations received in FY99 total $5,000 for a grand total of COA funding of $53,459.

Programs offered which serve the seven hilltowns include:

Transportation services (FRTA/PVTA)
Nurse Outreach Services (WHC)
Monthly Blood Pressure Clinics
Tax Preparation Services (AARP)
In Home Assistance (HEN)
Brown Bag (Mealsite)
Activities & Crafts (Senior Center)
Weekly Exercise Classes (YMCA)
Indoor Walking Facilities
Van Service
Individual Medical Transportation
Home Safety Repairs
Referral Services
Congregate & Home Delivered Meals
Monthly Blood Pressure Clinics
In-Home Nursing Visits
In-Home Helpers
Outreach and Informational Services
Legal Assistance & Referrals
Office Services & Consortium Admin
Birthday Cards to Seniors
Medical Equipment Loans
Bi-monthly Podiatry Clinics

Additionally, Williamsburg has Emergency Services Elder Trust programs offered.

In total, it is expected that the COA grants will positively impact the lives of over 400 hilltown seniors in this fiscal year. Of those 400, 65 are likely to be residents of Williamsburg or Haydenville. To date, we have directly served 346 hilltown residents - with 55 from Williamsburg/Haydenville. Many of these elders have been assisted by multiple programs and services. Seniors are also served by having an open office, a phone line, a meal site serving hot meals daily, and a helpful, knowledgeable staff available on a daily basis. The Town of Williamsburg supports the basic operation of the COA by providing office space and utilities, as well as a small office budget and the Director's salary. All programs are provided through grant and private dollars. We have been fortunate to enjoy generous funding to date; however, many programs have been funded on a one time start-up basis. In the next year, we will need to look more to the town and private sector to fund the programs so vital to our town elders. State grant money will be decreasing quickly - leaving our seniors with needs that we cannot fill without assistance from our home towns.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Lenker
Executive Director

Williamsburg School Council – The elected advisory board to the school. The focus of this group is the program planning of the schools.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Alfred J. Venne | Co-Chair | 122 North Maple Street | Florence |
| George Fleck | Co-Chair | Village Hill Rd | Williamsburg |
| Mary Ramsay | Parent | 7 Hatfield Street | Haydenville |
| Victoria Weed | Parent | 8 Fort Hill Rd | Haydenville |
| Sherri Marti | Teacher | Schools | Williamsburg |
| Lisa Peloquin | Teacher | Schools | Williamsburg |

## Highlights

Light House Schools (Regional Mentoring site for area schools) – The Williamsburg Elementary School has received 3 competitive technology grants. The state FY99 funding supported 64 school districts and collaborative in implementing 35 Model Professional Development projects and activities in 74 Lighthouse Sites across the Commonwealth. The Model Development grants supported technology professional development for teachers learning to integrate technology into their curriculum. The success of our models will be observed and replicated in other districts throughout the state. The Lighthouse technology grants are enhancing innovative classroom projects that incorporate technology in the learning process. They reward excellent teachers and enable them to share their projects, experiences, and insights, through the grant's dissemination requirements, with other teachers across the state. Susan Smith received a grant for "Promoting Mathematical Thinking through the Use of Technology", Karen Schweitzer received a grant for "Creating Digital Archives for Presentation, Reflection, and Assessment" and Andy Stenson continues the Lighthouse tradition with a grant encouraging joint district technology efforts. The total grant package for FY99 totaled $110,000. WOW!

Reading Recovery (Intensive Grade 1 remedial reading program) was expanded. Our schools are currently fully implemented providing an opportunity to address all early reader's needs.

Foreign Languages/World Language Implementation: Morning Star Chenven, working with 6$^{th}$ grade teacher, Lisa Peloquin, implemented the beginnings of our Word Languages program at the kindergarten, first, second and sixth grades. The Spanish language is the focus of the K-2 instruction. In the sixth grade, French will continue to be the language focus. Curriculum materials have been made available to classroom teachers.

School Facilities Needs Assessment: The school department engaged the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to conduct a facility needs assessment and develop a long range facility/program master plan for the schools of the Williamsburg community. Data was collected and an analysis of the data was conducted. At a community public session February 11, 1999, NESDEC consultants reported their initial findings and solicit input on. A final report with a number of recommendations and options for the future was submitted to the Williamsburg School Committee on March 9, 1998. One goal of the school department is to engage a wide variety of community members in this very important conversation about the schools and their impact on the community. The school committee is in the process of developing a long- range plan for the schools. Community participation is being encouraged.

MCAS testing: The first round of 4th grade student assessment, based upon the Massachusetts State Frameworks, was conducted in May of 1998. The results were available in early December of 1998. This important piece of data will continue to be used to help clarify and align our school curriculum with the Massachusetts Frameworks. 1998-1999 the teachers worked long and hard on the clarification of the schools Language Arts curriculum. The year- long effort has engaged teachers in conversations regarding student expectations at each grade level. This ongoing process will lead to a stronger curriculum with high expectations for students and teachers.

Flagpole Raised: A new flagpole was raised this fall at the corner of the Earl Tonet gymnasium. Many community members were involved in this effort.

Retirements: Teacher Arlene Nolan, Kindergarten and Food Services Director Marcia Shumway retired from the school system after many dedicated years of public service.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred J. Venne
Principal

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Williamsburg elementary schools have become leaders, both in the district and in the state, on many fronts - in technology, as a Lighthouse School, having garnered $110,000 in grants (this year alone) to support this new tool of learning; in a social curriculum program including peer mediation, conflict resolution and a student council; in grant writing for Title 1, Reading Recovery, and Community Service Learning - three examples which have brought in 15 - 18% beyond our budget; and with Ms. Catherine Marek, who has just won School Nurse of the Year in the district (there are only 9 districts in the state and she may indeed earn the state-wide honor). The PTO is the strongest in years, raising money and expending tremendous time and energy to create a playground that includes a wider number of students to play on a safe and creative outdoor arena. The School Council, mandated by the state with the new education reform, comprising teachers, parents, local community members and the principal, has hit a level of excellence reflected in its carefully thought out School Improvement Plan designed to evolve as the new needs are identified. Lastly, a pre-school well known in the area and much sought after due to its open enrollment policy (one of the few in the area for a long period of time that enrolled special needs students) with a great student-teacher ratio, continues to grow and flourish.

Looking back, the School Committee acknowledges the legacy of the previous committee that brought in over $500,000 in school choice money; helped in hiring Fred Venne, our principal; started a much needed after-school program; inspired the technology program as it is today; and opened up communication with the Finance Committee and Trust Fund Board to create a far more workable environment designed to cope with present needs and look ahead to future ones as well. As the school choice money will dwindle over time, due largely to the opening of the much needed New Hingham School for the Chesterfield-Goshen area, careful fiscal management is necessary to bank some of that money for the future and still maintain the programs designed by the School Improvement Plan. With the help of the two boards just mentioned and Fred Venne's input, the present School Committee intends to do just that. Looking forward, the information from the needs assessment conducted by NESDEC (New England School Development Council -- final presentation of options at the March 9 School Committee meeting), will help us to begin the process of decision making for the future of our school buildings and students' needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Farrell
Chair

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee began Fiscal '98 with the same membership as the previous two years. The board membership included: Chairman-William Sayre, Vice Chairman - Patty Cotton, Secretary - Edwin Everett, Lloyd Warriner, Al Mosher, Gordon Allen, Kathy Warner, Warren White and Robert Buchele. The Fiscal '98 budget proposal did not go before the community until June 9, 1997. This was due to the fact that the anticipated revenue figures were not available earlier.

It was another difficult year to recommend a balanced budget and several articles were proposed as debt exclusions to be voted on at a later date. These articles included funds for: Capping the Wood Waste Disposal Area, the purchase of equipment for the Fire, Police and Highway Departments, and additional funding for the Hampshire Regional School District. With the exception of the police cruiser, all articles passed on July 14, 1997.

At the end of the fiscal '98 year, the board had two empty seats. Lloyd Warriner chose not to run for re-election and Kathy Warner resigned in June of 1998. Their diligent efforts throughout their terms were greatly appreciated and we look forward to welcoming two new members in the near future.

Each year, the town appropriates monies for the Reserve Fund. The Finance Committee, for the purpose of providing funding only for unforeseen or extraordinary needs, controls this account. Transfers out of the Reserve Fund for FY98 were as follows:

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| **07/01/97** | **Beginning Balance** | **$40,000.00** |
| 09/16/97 | Advertising | 668.00 |
| 02/17/98 | Police Expense | 1,758.42 |
| | HRMC | 256.53 |
| 04/07/98 | Town Clerk Expense | 1,200.00 |
| 04/14/98 | General Insurance | 182.00 |
| 04/28/98 | Elections/Registrations | 1,406.40 |
| | Town Buildings/Grounds | 500.00 |
| | Selectboard Expenses | 500.00 |
| | Planning Board | 500.00 |
| 06/09/98 | Treasurer's Expense | 378.00 |
| | Independent Audit | 800.00 |
| | IRS Assessment | 4,145.11 |
| | Social Security/Medicare | 5,200.00 |
| | Elections/Registrations | 180.00 |
| | Local Schools | 1,533.00 |
| | Police Expenses | 830.74 |

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|---|---|---|
| 06/30/98 | Selectboard Expense | 51.16 |
| | Advertising | 142.13 |
| | Town Collector Expense | 15.68 |
| | Conservation Commission | 34.88 |
| | Planning Board | 200.00 |
| | Police Expenses | 81.76 |
| | Highway Labor | 1,154.80 |
| | Board of Health Expense | 157.78 |
| | Veterans Benefits | 177.19 |
| | Recreation Labor/Expenses | 330.00 |
| | Interest/Highway Truck | .25 |
| | County Tax | .50 |
| | Health Insurance | 3,102.21 |
| | Social Security/Medicare | 196.36 |
| | IRS Assessment | .39 |
| | Planning Board | 972.66 |
| | Town Accountant's Salary | 211.56 |
| | Treasurer's Salary | 211.62 |
| | Local Schools | 221.00 |
| | Town Clerk's Salary | 108.38 |
| | **Ending Balance** | **$12,591.49** |

Respectfully submitted,

William Sayre
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Fire Department responded to 85 calls during 1998 as follows:

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|---|---|
| 3 | Structure fires |
| 5 | Chimney fires |
| 4 | Vehicle fires |
| 4 | Wires or transformer burning |
| 3 | Brush or woodland fires |
| 6 | Appliance malfunctions |
| 16 | Alarm sounding or malfunctions |
| 20 | Vehicle accidents |
| 3 | Gasoline spills |
| 3 | Calls to assist Goshen ambulance |
| 4 | Calls to establish a landing zone for medical evacuation helicopter |
| 5 | Calls for mutual aid |
| 9 | Miscellaneous calls |

Town meeting appropriated money to purchase a new fire truck to replace the 1966 tank truck. The purchase has not been made; however, a group of firefighters is meeting to write the specifications.

The firefighters drill two nights per month, 10 months per year. Drills stress firefighter safety, operation of the equipment, practicing standard procedures in tank truck and fire hydrant operations, self-contained breathing apparatus, hazardous materials recognition, first aid and C.P.R.

The Fire Department celebrated its 150 year anniversary during 1998. It was a wonderful celebration arranged by a committee who worked many hours. The firefighters, along with members of the community, worked to set up for the celebration and clean up after the weekend events. While many people served to arrange the events of the celebration, I would like to specifically thank Peter Banister who worked diligently to oversee the celebration and who also worked several years to research the history of the Fire Department. Peter, with the help of Mary Bisbee, compiled the information into a history book of the Williamsburg Fire Department.

We have enlisted some new members and still turn out members in sufficient numbers at emergencies. We still need members in Haydenville to assure continued good service.

I wish to thank the members of the Fire Department whose dedication to serve provides the town and its residents with an excellent service at a reasonable cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Bisbee
Fire Chief

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT

This year has again been a struggle to keep up with the demands of Title 5; but the Board of Health is working on establishing a management plan for the on-site sewage systems in town designed to protect the municipal water supply and protect other water resources. Financial assistance is available to repair septic systems through low-income loans through United Savings Bank and Springfield Institute for Savings. Homeowners who repair their septic systems are also eligible for a deduction on their state income tax of up to 60% of the unsubsidized cost. The deduction can be used in conjunction with the bank loan.

Meanwhile, the routine work involved with Title 5 goes on. In 1998, the health agent witnessed 23 perc tests, issued 8 construction permits, witnessed 14 inspections and investigated two complaints about failed systems.

There were a few housing complaints in 1998. Two complaints resulted in five inspections and re-inspections. Four well permits were issued. Food service inspections have gone smoothly, and whatever minor problems are uncovered are remedied quickly. Other activities included enforcement of tobacco sales regulations and education of store owners regarding their responsibilities.

Below are the budgets for FY1999 and FY2000. Spending has remained steady overall; but a few items were changed to reflect current expenditures.

| Item | FY1999 | FY2000 |
|---|---|---|
| Health Agent | $35,600 | $35,600 |
| Retirement, Health, Medicare | 9,200 | 9,200 |
| Travel | 2,000 | 2,200 |
| Phone | 900 | 1,000 |
| Professional | 500 | 500 |
| Administration/Materials | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Secretarial | 2,200 | 1,900 |
| Total | $51,400 | $51,400 |

Initiatives for the next year focus mainly on food safety. The state Department of Food and Drugs has instituted an e-mail/fax notification system for food recalls. This will enable local officials to more quickly notify food service establishments and food retailers in their towns and may prevent many cases of food-borne illness. The District will sponsor Food Safety Training courses for local retailers in preparation for future state training and certification requirements.

If you have any questions or comments relating to public health, please do not hesitate to contact me. My usual day in Williamsburg is Wednesday; but messages may be left at any time at 268-8404.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Schmidt, Health Agent

## ANNUAL REPORT - GOSHEN FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE SERVICE

Paramedic level service was started in early 1998. This represents a tremendous commitment of time and dedication by our **VOLUNTEER** staff. We wish to congratulate **Jerry Roberge** who attained P-level this year. Also, **Nanci Forrestal**, of Goshen, and **Daryl Springman**, of Haydenville, became EMT's this year.

Of the 231 calls this year over 30% were provided with advanced life support services, including four very serious cases which were airlifted by Lifeflight and LifeStar helicopters. We continue to upgrade the equipment that our first response EMT's are provided with. This year we hope to add another 5 portable oxygen units to assist them in providing care until the ambulance arrives.

We had hoped to have ordered a new Ambulance this year; but the Ambulance Fund is still $30,000 short of that goal.

Major purchases this year included an air conditioning unit for the supply room. It was found that medical supplies and training videos were being damaged by heat during the summer.

I wish to thank all of the staff of this service for their dedication to their communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Dresser
Director of Ambulance Services
for the Towns of Goshen,
Chesterfield and Williamsburg

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Compared to the previous year when school opened in September in the middle of a fiscal crisis, the 1998-1999 school year has been financially stable. We hired additional teachers to reduce the very large class sizes of September 1997. We reinstated funding for extracurricular activities this year, and we eliminated the athletic fees. Our 1999-2000 budget submitted to the five towns this spring includes further staff required because of the enrollment growth of the 1990s, increased funds for maintenance of the building and grounds, and reinstatement of the excess-and-deficiency stabilization fund recommended by our financial auditors.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System student examinations in science, mathematics and English were given last spring in grades 4, 8 and 10. Results were announced in December 1999. We are using data from these tests to assess our curriculum, and to design programs to help students whose performance is low. Beginning with the graduating class of 2003, each student must pass the $10^{th}$ grade tests to be eligible for a Massachusetts high school diploma; $10^{th}$ graders will take these high-stakes tests in Spring 2001.

Several years ago, the school committee initiated a long-range study of the physical plant. A select committee presented its Building Needs Report in Spring 1997. An architect reviewed the report and outlined major renovations that they would require to address the identified needs. We formally appointed a building committee this year, and officially informed the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Bureau that we contemplate a project. We commissioned the New England School Development Council to prepare a demographic survey of the five towns and to make projections of school populations. We have included architect fees for schematic plans in the 1999-2000 budget. The towns and the townspeople will be kept informed as this project develops.

We continue as an active participant in the Pioneer Valley Regional Education and Business Alliance, planning with others for our educational future. Our school is moving ahead with its TechPrep and technology curricula, with its School-to-Work program, with strengthened instruction in world languages, with greater emphasis on writing across all curriculum areas, and with focused transitional programs to help students to move from elementary school to middle school, and from middle school to high school. We hope that Hampshire Regional School will continue to be a forward-looking school of which all people in the five towns can be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

George Fleck, Chair
Hampshire Regional School Committee

Student enrollment, by town, as of October 1, 1998:

| Grade | Chesterfield | Goshen | Southampton | Westhampton | Williamsburg | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 11 | 8 | 60 | 22 | 34 | 135 |
| 8 | 21 | 20 | 71 | 29 | 27 | 168 |
| 9 | 14 | 9 | 77 | 13 | 19 | 132 |
| 10 | 21 | 12 | 78 | 22 | 22 | 155 |
| 11 | 13 | 5 | 71 | 16 | 15 | 120 |
| 12 | 15 | 9 | 60 | 11 | 21 | 116 |
| Other | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 21 |
| Totals | 96 | 64 | 424 | 119 | 144 | 847 |

Assessment percentages, by town:

| | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chesterfield | 10.511 | 10.701 | 10.993 | 11.260 | 11.436 |
| Goshen | 6.379 | 6.443 | 6.569 | 6.802 | 7.045 |
| Southampton | 48.713 | 49.219 | 49.674 | 50.039 | 50.161 |
| Westhampton | 15.187 | 15.044 | 14.441 | 13.940 | 13.917 |
| Williamsburg | 19.210 | 18.592 | 18.322 | 17.959 | 17.440 |

Personnel employed by the Hampshire Regional District during 1998:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| David Aultman | Custodian | Liza Knowlton | Foreign Language Teacher |
| Gregory Hungerford | Aide | Ted Hale | Special Ed. Teacher |
| Mary O'Reilly | Foreign Language Teacher | Karen Pawlishen | Physical Ed. Teacher |
| Julie Holt | Music Teacher | Eric Scammons | Business Tech. Teacher |
| Starr Adams | Aide | | |

Personnel who left the employ of the Hampshire Regional District in 1998:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Herbert Montebello | Social Studies Teacher | Laurie Garcia | Spanish Teacher |
| David Grills | Physical Ed. Teacher | Patricia Steph | Supt. Office Secretary |
| Carl Hartig | Business Teacher | Karen Pardee | Spanish Teacher |
| Patrick Mullen | Custodian | Laura Figgie | Aide |
| Mark Klerowski | Custodian | | |

Based upon combined preschool, special education, vocational school and regular day student enrollment as of October 1, the six cooperating school systems share in the cost of employing the Superintendent and central office staff.

| Percent share, by District | 1997-1998 | 1998-1999 | 1999-2000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chesterfield-Goshen Regional, K-6 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 10.5 |
| Southampton, PK-6 | 27.1 | 26.8 | 29.1 |
| Westhampton, K-6 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 9.1 |
| Williamsburg, PK-6 | 11.9 | 13.6 | 12.0 |
| Hampshire Regional, 7-12 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 39.2 |

October 1 enrollment of Williamsburg students in local schools:

| | 1996-1997 | 1997-1998 | 1998-1999 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Preschool | 4 | 25 | 18 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 20 | 17 |
| Grade 1 | 24 | 36 | 23 |
| Grade 2 | 27 | 25 | 38 |
| Grade 3 | 29 | 29 | 25 |
| Grade 4 | 30 | 31 | 33 |
| Grade 5 | 31 | 33 | 29 |
| Grade 6 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| TOTAL | 205 | 229 | 213 |

October 1 enrollment of Williamsburg students in other elementary grade settings:

| | 1996-1997 | 1997-1998 | 1998-1999 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charter schools | 12 | 12 | 13 |
| Schools of choice | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Home-schooled | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Private schools | 14 | 21 | 22 |

October 1 enrollment of Williamsburg students in secondary schools:

| | 1996-1997 | 1997-1998 | 1998-1999 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hampshire Regional | 137 | 147 | 142 |
| Vocational schools | 24 | 30 | 19 |
| Private schools | 16 | 20 | 20 |

| | 1996-1997 | 1997-1998 | 1998-1999 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Williamsburg students, K-12 | 412 | 461 | 431 |

Personnel employed by the Williamsburg School Department in 1998:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jill Nelson | Aide | Sandra Graham | Preschool |
| Jennifer Black | Grade 6 Teacher | Morningstar Chenven | Kindergarten Teacher |
| Laraine Childs | Preschool Aide | Carol Battersby | Aide |

Personnel who left the employ of the Williamsburg School Department in 1998:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maura Carbery | Preschool Teacher | Matthew Page | Grade 6 Teacher |
| Marcia Shumway | Food Service Director | Arlene Nolan | Kindergarten Teacher |
| Jill Nelson | Aide | Lucy Grabowski | Aide |

Operation of the transfer station has been made more efficient by loading one recycling container just with paper and using the other for cans, bottles and containers which are not suitable for recycling. This means we move containers less often at a cost saving.

Recycling is important. In 1998, the town was saved an estimated $22,000. We need to recycle everything possible since carting the trash and paying dump fees at Northampton is expensive. This year, Northampton will charge us an additional $10 per ton dump fee. Also, the Northampton dump will not be able to accept material forever - probably not beyond the year 2007 - and we must plan for the future.

Next year, with the help of Eric Weiss of the Hilltown Resources Management Cooperative (HMRC), we plan to accept discarded electronics and reduce the amount of metal, particularly lead, released into our environment. We are also planning to open a composting area to help those Burgies with building lots too small for composting.

A grant to the HRMC is now being used for teaching about recycling in the elementary schools.

Wood waste area closure has proceeded on schedule and within budget. To comply with Department of Environmental Protection requirements, we have covered the area with soil to prevent fires. This year, wells were drilled and dug to test for chemicals leaking from the wood which might contaminate ground water. No hazardous chemicals were found! Our engineering consultants have prepared a plan for final closure of the area. This final phase, which includes restoring the wetlands buried under wood scrap, should be accomplished by next fall; but will be expensive.

Maxine Schmidt, who served Williamsburg and three other towns as Health Agent, will present a separate report focusing on restaurant hygiene and sanitation.

The new tobacco sales regulations have been in force since July. Only one vendor has been cited for a sale to a minor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira Gabrielson, Chairman
Donna Gibson
Donald Lawton

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The winter of 1997/1998 brought 21 storms. Fourteen were snowstorms, totaling 51 inches; two were sleet storms and five were freezing rain. We used 4,400 tons of sand and 208 tons of salt.

In July, we hired a fourth employee for the Highway Department. His salary is paid through a joint agreement with the Water/Sewer Department. The Highway Department does work for the Water/Sewer Department to offset their half of the salary. Many people applied, and through a selection process, we hired Donald Turner from Williamsburg. Don is a knowledgeable person, a good worker, and is eager to learn.

Each year, we perform several routine maintenance tasks - street sweeping, grading of gravel roads, brush cutting and tree work are performed.

A maintenance application of oil and stone was applied on Adams Road, Old Goshen Road, parts of Petticoat Hill Road, Hyde Hill Road and Nash Hill Road.

Drainage pipes were put in on Depot Road and O'Neil Road. Two narrow culverts were replaced on Old Goshen Road.

The Highway Department put in a sewer main on Kellogg Road and North Kellogg Road.

Town meeting appropriated money to purchase a dump truck and sander. This remains to be done.

The replacement of Old Goshen Road and Village Hill Road bridges was begun under a contract by the Massachusetts Highway Department. These bridges will be completed in the summer of 1999.

Plans to repair Ashfield Road are progressing. We hope this project, done by the Massachusetts Highway Department, will be started during 1999.

For the first time in several years, the lines were painted in the roads.

To comply with the regulations governing underground fuel tanks, we removed our diesel and gasoline tanks. The gasoline tank was leaking, necessitating the removal of soil in the area. The contamination is cleaned up to within acceptable levels. New above ground fuel tanks are in place.

The heating system at the garage was updated by removing the 30 year old hot air furnaces and replacing them with a hot water system. The new system does a better job at heating the garage.

I wish to thank the Highway Department employees, the snow plow contractors, and other contractors and vendors for their cooperation and dedication in maintaining and improving the town roads.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Bisbee
Highway Superintendent

## HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE
## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1998

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative is a unique regional municipal organization created, operated and funded by its eleven member Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. The HRMC's main goal is to continue to develop a first quality integrated recycling and waste management program for the region. This year, for the fifth year in a row, the HRMC will continue to be level funded. Every year, on your behalf, the HRMC works on the following efforts:

- Monitor area recycling and waste management efforts at the Springfield MRF and the Northampton Landfill to make sure we are all doing the best we can!
- Plan and operate the plastics recycling program, tire collection program, salvation army program, as well as, the regional Hazardous Waste Collection Program and the Paint Recycling Program.
- Coordinate the regional sales of compost bins and provide recycling set out bins to all area schools and residents on an as needed basis throughout the year.
- Provide outreach and education workshops and programs to HRMC area schools and community groups.
- Work with local officials on planning, technical assistance, improved transfer station operations, provide general educational information, explore new DEP grant programs, assist with regional efforts and monitor state regulatory policy.
- Develop new programs such as recycling assistance to business, the electronics recycling program and develop other innovative new programs.

Feel free to contact the HRMC anytime at (413) 268-3845 if you have any questions about these valuable programs.

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG ANNUAL WASTE AND RECYCLING SUMMARY
FOR THE TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1997 - DECEMBER 31, 1997
Mountain Street Transfer Station
Population 2,515

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Tons Disposed= | 885.85 tons/year |
| Total Tons Recycled or Diverted= | 397.90 tons/year |
| Total Diversion/Recycling Rate= | 31.0% |
| Total Recycling Per Person= | 487 lbs/person |
| Total Recycling Savings= | $21,884.22/year |

*Note: Recycling savings are calculated at $55

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss
Administrator HRMC

## WILLIAMSBURG HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Kathy Warner as of September 1998. Ralmon Black was appointed to fill the vacancy created by her resignation.

On May 16, 1999, two plaques will be unveiled - one in the village of Haydenville and the other in the village of Williamsburg. This will be the 125th anniversary of the great Mill River disaster of 1874. These memorial plaques will contain the names of all the men, women, and children who lost their lives in Williamsburg in that disaster.

The Commission is currently working on a comprehensive map and guide to all the historic assets of the town. This will include structures which are still standing, as well as noting sites of important structures no longer in existence, roadways, paths, the historic dam site, and other features, both natural and man-made, which are of historic interest to the town. Final publication date has not yet been set; but, the map and guide will be made widely available once they are published.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Graves
Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WILLIAMSBURG LIBRARIES

In December, the Meekins Library was awarded an $80,000 grant by the national Endowment for the Humanities. This was a high honor – the Meekins was one of only six public libraries nationally awarded a 'challenge' grant this year. $60,000 of the grant will go toward the renovation of the Meekins Library. The remaining $20,000 will be added to a library endowment to be used for humanities programming. The challenge – in order to receive the money, the library must raise $240,000 in donations in the next three years.

According to William Ferris, chairman of the NEH, "..evaluators of the grants were especially impressed with the library's significant service to the community through humanities programs of high quality". Diane Garey, library board chair, submitted the grant on behalf of the library. The successful programming at both libraries is a combined effort of the friends and staff of the Williamsburg Libraries. A special thanks is due to Friends Program Chair, Nel Wijnhoven, who continues to bring fresh and exciting programs and events to the libraries.

Williamsburg libraries received a $6,000 "Early Childhood Education Grant" from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. "Building Blocks of Literacy" will provide money for programming, books, and other materials aimed at children ages 0-5, their parents and day care providers. Both libraries will participate in this grant.

Through the hard work of assistant librarian Rochelle Wildfong, poet Robert Dana read at the Meekins Library on Columbus Day before a crowd of sixty people. Dana read and reminisced about his youth spent as a state ward in Haydenville. Robert Dana donated fifty copies of his poetry to the library to sell to benefit the building fund. Rick Reiken read from his novel 'The Odd Sea' on October 20. Reiken, a former Gazette correspondent, covered Williamsburg for five years. Edward Foster donated two hundred copies of his newly published chapbook 'A Matter of Infinite Moment' (the work of manoah Bodman c.1817) to the libraries.

For two weeks in August, the Meekins Library was the recipient of a $561,000 library construction grant. When Acting Governor Paul Celucci vetoed two hundred million in appropriations, the library lost its funding. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners continues to support the construction bill and the library remains on the waiting list for construction money. Meekins is now number 7 out of 22. The Williamsburg Board of Library Trustees and the Library Building Committee continue to prepare for the eventual award of this grant.

Our summer reading program reached 100 children. Steve Daiber, artist and Chesterfield resident, held bookmaking workshops for children in the summer. He offered another series during December for children and adults. Steve Daiber and the libraries were awarded a Williamsburg Arts Council grant to hold an extended series during 1999. The Health Information Grant year ended in September with 'Foodplay', a program for grades K-6 sponsored by the library and the elementary school food services and held at the Dunphy school.

On July 21, the Meekins Library began to circulate its collection through C/W Mars. Two years of hard work by staff and volunteers made this jump to automated circulation successful. Volunteer Bobbin Young deserves special thanks for her work on this project.

Library Statistics and Services 1998

Library patrons, at both the Haydenville and the Meekins Library, are now able to access 1) the Internet, 2) Library catalogs of over 100 central & western Massachusetts libraries, including the complete Meekins Library catalog and an ever-growing portion of the Haydenville Library catalog, 3) Infotrac: five databases containing thousands of full text articles covering health, business, academic and general information, as well as contemporary authors, 4) Online Encyclopedia Britannica. **These services are available at both libraries – free of charge – to all patrons.**

During 1998, patrons borrowed a total of 49,292 books and other materials from the Williamsburg libraries. The libraries received 880 inter-library loans from other libraries and provided 41 items to borrowing libraries. 7,200 items were borrowed from the libraries by non-residents. The Meekins Library served as the elementary school library for the thirteenth year. Wednesday morning pre-school story-time continued at 10:00 a.m. with Rochelle Wildfong as storyteller.

Library Hours –

| | |
|---|---|
| Meekins Library | Tuesday 10 – 5, Wednesday 10 – 8, Thursday 3 – 8, Saturday 10 – 3 |
| Haydenville Library | Monday 1 – 4, Tuesday 6 – 8, Friday 1 – 6 |

Volunteers contributed over 1800 hours of time to our libraries. Volunteers kept the libraries open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Thank You!

Friends of the Libraries: Meekins and Haydenville

Nel Wijnhoven, program director of the Friends, organized a series of three Sunday concerts during January and February 1998. This music series was supported by the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries and cultural councils of five hilltowns – Williamsburg, Cummington, Goshen, Chesterfield and Worthington. In March, a costume party was held at the Meekins Library. Mark Twain, Jeeves the butler, Glinda the Good Witch, Pippi Longstockings and others danced to music provided by Paul Arslanian and Susan Farrell. In April, Carroll Bowen organized a successful Antique & Collectible Appraisal Day which was held at the Anne T. Dunphy School. The Friends, organized by Lee Garvais, held two large book sales on the lawn of the Meekins Library during 1998. Dorothy Backer, secretary of the Friends, led a book discussion group each month. The Williamsburg Historical Society and the Friends of the Libraries began a cooperative venture – selling puzzles with a Williamsburg theme. In the fall, the Friends of the Libraries were awarded a grant by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. During the summer, Nel Wijnhoven and others developed a new reading discussion series which will be incorporated into the Foundations' repertoire of reading series. The new series is titled 'Into Our Lives: Autobiography, a Reading Discussion Series'.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wenner, Library Director

Board of Library Trustees – Diane Garey, Chair; Dee Dee Niswonger, Treasurer; Ann Haxo, Secretary; Helen Bacon; Jim Locke; Peter Siersma

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board's main focus during the first half of 1998 was working with the Zoning By-Law Task Force. Since the defeat of the proposed zoning by-law, the board has worked to prepare a questionnaire that will be mailed town-wide. Response to this mailing will provide the Planning Board and Task Force with information that will enable us to present a revised zoning by-law to the town in the near future.

During the year, the Planning Board approved the division of five land parcels and held one public tree hearing.

Larry Hott resigned and was replaced by John Merritt.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta MacLeod, Chairman
Carol Davis
Nicholas Dines
James Lawrence
John Merritt
Christopher Morris
Catherine Skiba

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Personnel

This year has been one of continued growth for the Williamsburg Police, both in the service we provide to residents and personally for each of its officers. With the continued financial support of our residents, federal grants and state funding we have been able to increase the number of patrol hours each week. We also have increased the amount of training each officer is able to attend—with the goal of serving our residents and visitors as professionally as we can.

In this, our second year of working under the Community Policing concept, we have continued to reach out to community groups to become more involved in making our town as safe as we possibly can. To this end, Officer Mike Stiles did an outstanding job of focusing his energies in the area of DARE - a school based drug education program, TRIAD – a collaborative effort with the Sheriff's Department to assist our elderly residents, and DVIP – a domestic violence project aimed at helping victims of violence at home. Mike attended monthly meetings with these groups and, over the year, became a welcomed addition to their respective agendas. We hope that our input, from a police officer's perspective, has enhanced the effectiveness of these groups in our community.

Unfortunately, this Fall, we were notified that Mike had made the decision to leave Williamsburg for another department in the area. The disparity in pay between small police departments and our larger counterparts is often too great for an officer with a family to ignore. Within weeks of being notified of Mike's decision, full background investigations had been completed and interviews held for new police candidates. As a result of these interviews, Officer Peter Scoble of Southampton was offered the full-time position. Peter will be attending the full-time Police Academy and is expected to graduate in the Spring of 1999.

In terms of criminal activity, it has been a busy year for our community and this department. Beginning in February, this department began responding to incidents of past breaking and enterings into businesses in both Haydenville and Williamsburg. These incidents invariably went undetected until the business owner arrived at work in the early morning hours and discovered the crime. Perpetrator(s) were aware of our vulnerability—being a part-time police force—and were using this to their advantage, committing their crimes in the early morning hours. Over time, a pattern was established and, with that information, we worked with business owners to install silent alarm systems. Within two weeks, a local business was broken into at 2:00 a.m. and officers of this department, along with the State Police, responded. Two adult males from the area were caught inside the building and immediately arrested. A later search warrant of the residence of one of the perpetrators proved he had committed prior crimes in our community and, since these arrests, incidents of breaking and entering have been reduced significantly.

Our success in this case, and others, is rooted in the concepts of Community Policing: by working closely with residents and business owners alike, we can prevent and solve crimes together.

## Training

This past year was the second in which officers benefited from a $8.000 federal grant to obtain Domestic Violence training. Officer Stiles attended a three-day conference in Denver, Colorado with some of the best speakers/trainers in the country.

All officers in this department, and a large number from area departments, attended a four-hour Domestic Violence training also sponsored by this grant. This funding allowed a well known speaker, former Director of Necessities Necesidades Gail Kielson, to come to our community. The training was excellent. Funding to expand the training concept throughout Hampshire County and beyond has been granted for the coming year as well.

Professional training continues to be an important concern of the Selectboard members and myself. It is the practice of this department that, if an officer wishes to take time off from their full-time employment to attend a police related training, it is owed to these officers to do whatever we can to authorize the training and fund their attendance. With this practice in effect, it is rare that an officer will be turned away from attending a police-related training. We are proud of this practice and it has made our officers some of the best trained part-time officers in the area.

A partial list of courses completed by patrol officers is: Criminal Law Update, Domestic Violence Responses/Officer Safety, Domestic Violence and Child Witnesses, Motor Vehicle Law Update, Field Sobriety Testing, Working with Deaf Victims, Radar Certification, Simulated Firearms Training, Bomb Call Response, Gang Awareness, Drug Field Testing, Drug Enforcement and lastly, Computer training.

## Community Outreach

The Police Department, with the assistance of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department, raised approximately $600.00 for the Williamsburg Recreation Department as part of a Police/Sheriff Softball Tournament held in Northampton. More than ten departments were in the tournament and, despite midday temperatures in the upper 90's, everyone had a good time.

This past year, through funds obtained from our DARE grant, we were able to fund a bus trip to Fenway Park on DARE day to see the Boston Red Sox. With full attendance on the large bus, we left the Dunphy School with kids and parents aboard. This day afforded many opportunities to send the DARE message to the youngsters and, once again, everyone had a wonderful day.

This past winter, through the months of February, March, and April, officers of this department made themselves available Friday and Saturday nights for Open-Gym nights at the Dunphy School. Again sponsored by the DARE grant, kids were invited to play basketball and get to know the officers in a casual setting.

In August, the Department sponsored an outdoor movie night with the showing of the movie 'Contact' starring Jody Foster. The movie was shown behind the Dunphy School and was well attended by over 400 residents. We gave away a number of DARE related items during the raffle and had yet another occasion to visit with youngsters in a casual setting. A large number of Williamsburg Fire Department members assisted this effort and we thank them.

In the Spring, all officers in the department went door-to-door to every household in town to hand-deliver over 1000 public safety surveys and 2000 refrigerator magnets. We received over 330 responses to the survey and the results were tabulated. To date, the responses have been instrumental in reconfiguring our funding and manpower decisions.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Next year we will be sending a similar survey to business owners.

While all but one of the officers of this department continue to have full-time jobs in other fields, each displays a commitment to professional, dedicated service to the community. In addition to their regular weekly patrol hours, officers are required to attend monthly meetings, day-long trainings, and lengthy court appearances – all of which may require the use of vacation time from their full-time jobs.

In this regard, I would like to thank Sgt. William Graham (7yrs.), Raymond Vandoloski (6 yrs.), David Martin (2 yrs.), Daniel Warner (2 yrs.), Steven Berube (2 yrs.) and our full-time officer, Peter Scoble (1 yr.). They are committed to their profession by keeping our community safe and sound for residents and visitors. I would also like to thank Karen Karowski for her tireless efforts on behalf of the department. Karen's work is vital to the office and she is a joy to work with. I look forward to the staff's continued dedication and hard work in the coming year.

1998 ARREST STATISTICS

| | Male | Female |
|---|---|---|
| Adult Arrests | 94 | 12 |
| Juvenile Arrests | 05 | 01 |

1998 ARRESTS BY EVENT TYPE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Motor Vehicle Charges (RMV) | 45 | Malicious Destruction | 03 |
| Operating Under the Influence | 15 | Minor Transporting Alcohol | 05 |
| Possession of Class E Drug-heroin | 01 | Warrant Arrest | 13 |
| Possession of Class B Drug-LSD | 01 | Indecent Assault and Battery | 01 |
| Possession of Class D Drug-marijuana | 05 | Assault with a Dangerous Weapon | 01 |
| Domestic Violence Arrest | 08 | Disorderly Person | 02 |
| Receiving Stolen Property | 02 | Larceny Over $250.00 | 02 |
| Breaking and Entering | 06 | Uttering a False Script | 02 |

1998 Criminal Complaint Applications filed by the Department 70

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Archbald
Chief

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission has had a very successful year. Youth league programs in soccer, basketball and baseball have attracted a combined total of over 300 players. The summer recreation program continues to provide a low cost option for children of the town. User fees continue to be an essential part of the financing of all of these programs.

Adult programs have included volleyball and adult men's basketball.

The committee has several projects that it is planning to work on to expand its programs. A teen center, with activities and programs for teens, is in the planning stages. The tennis courts at the Ellen Ames Field have fallen into an acute state of disrepair. The committee has approached the Brassworks ReUse Committee for funding to repair these courts and add a multiple use outdoor basketball court on the tennis courts.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Rozwenc, Chairman
Carl Cignoni
Al Golash

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1998 was a year marked by a few issues of great interest to everybody: the new zoning by-law and the controversy about a bike path from Northampton to the center of Williamsburg. It is no exaggeration to say that the discussions sometimes were acerbic. The outcome was that the zoning by-law was voted down and the bike path proposal, which needed 2/3 majority, was narrowly defeated.

In connection with the repair of Route 9 from Route 143 to the Goshen border, it was announced, and the town meeting took the opportunity to approve, an extension of the town sewer line by 3100 ft along the road.

The question of the status of Grass Hill Road, off Adams Road, lingered from the year before and has so far not been solved.

In 1997 the town meeting approved a grant to restore six housing units (two houses) in Haydenville to be available as "affordable housing". The grant was approved in 1998 and the town received $401,572. Work was almost entirely complete by the end of the year. This grant is administered by the Hilltown Community Development Corporation.

During the year there were a number of changes in position. Town Clerk, Bob McQueston, resigned in July. The select board appointed Charlene Nardi as interim Town Clerk and she was elected to the position in 1998. Town Collector, Kate Curtin, an employee of the town for 24 years, retired and was succeeded by Tess Barstow. Kathy Warner, former Town Clerk and member of the select board, resigned her position as Town Secretary in July 1998. Her position was filled by Bonnie Roberge.

Other appointments: Lynn Lenker became Director of the Council of Aging. Corporal William Graham of the Police Department was promoted to Sergeant. Officer Peter Scoble replaced full-time officer, Michael Stiles who resigned.

"Stump Dump" After having reestablished the good relations with the Department of Environmental Protection, the work to permanently cover the site was started in earnest. Ground samples were taken over an extended period, wetland damage was evaluated and plans were drawn up. If everything goes as foreseen, the area should be fully covered by the end of 1999.

During the year, the Select Board suggested a rather unique measure for Massachusetts: instead of an "override" an "underride" to rectify the earlier override to finance Hampshire Regional School system (it was redundant, as other member towns in the region voted it down). Voters were asked to restore to the tax payers $51,850. The town meeting so voted. (Surprise?)

Work by the Commonwealth to restore town bridges (Village Hill Road and Old Goshen Road) was started and is expected to be completed in the spring of 1999.

A survey of over 400 senior citizens undertaken by TRIAD (3-way committment between the police, the sheriff and the seniors) revealed their fears, feelings and desires about such issues as traffic safety, street lighting, telephone soliciting, etc.

The Police Department has been extremely successful in acquiring federal and state grants for various purposes. The last one, apart from COP hiring grants is a substantial amount ($140,000) to run training courses for police personnel faced with increased incidents of domestic violence.

Ashfield Road - The Commonwealth, during the year, started preparation to straighten and resurface Ashfield Road. As the beginning of that road is North Street, there was some uneasy feeling that such work would disturb a very pleasant part of Williamsburg. The State Highway Department nicely accommodated the town and will not touch that part. The town however, will resurface the street.

All in all, it was a productive year - even if some of the major issues did not move forward as expected.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

It has been our priority to coordinate programs and opportunities for students among the five districts. During 1998, we kept pace with trends, and the advantages of using technology in teaching, and made great strides in strengthening ties in our school communities between parents, residents and taxpayers. Following is a review of 1998 activities and events in each of our districts.

The **Chesterfield-Goshen Regional** District opened its New Hingham Regional Elementary School in September 1998. Students, town and state officials, Building Committee members, legislators, and a representative from the Historical Society in Hingham, MA took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Many volunteers contributed hours of time to move school equipment and teacher belongings out of the former Davenport School and Goshen Center School buildings which have since been renovated for much needed town office space. Another group of parents and community volunteers installed a wonderful playground apparatus, at no additional cost to taxpayers.

The fully equipped $3.7 million dollar, 33,000 square foot school is located on a 42 acre site on Smith Road in Chesterfield. Its features include a library-media center with automated book inventory and computer work-stations, computer links to all classrooms, art and music rooms, adequate office space, and new kitchen and cafeteria. Eight classrooms are occupied, with two more available for future expansion. Community groups also use the full-size gymnasium for afternoon and evening activities. A new preschool program provides services in the district for 3 and 4 year old students with special needs, and teachers have been trained in Responsive Classroom techniques to improve classroom management skills at all grade levels.

Instruction at **Hampshire Regional High School** has been strengthened during 1998 with the addition of faculty in core subject areas and part-time positions in foreign language and guidance. Results from the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests have been very helpful in shaping changes and improvements in the curriculum. Students who were tenth graders in May 1998 scored particularly well compared to their peers in other schools.

Support of the five towns for the 1998-99 budget made it possible to eliminate student athletic fees, some as high as $130 per sport, and helped underwrite some non-athletic extracurricular activities as well. The enrollment of more than 30 students from neighboring districts at Hampshire under the School of Choice program has offset part of the tuition expenses for students choosing to attend charter schools.

A group of counselors and staff worked with the principal to prepare a 'crisis management plan' for use in coping with school safety matters and emergency situations involving individual students. Membership in REBA – the Regional Education and Business Alliance – has been productive. Some members of the School Council have been trained by REBA in the use and interpretation of data to bring about school improvement, and a mentor-training program for experienced faculty to work with beginning teachers has been established with help from REBA.

Gradual enrollment growth at Hampshire continues to be a cause for concern. A ten-person building committee was appointed in 1998 to study the economic growth potential of each member town in the regional district and recommend a course of action about whether to add and expand, as well as renovate the 27-year-old High School facility. A consulting firm was hired to research and interpret demographic indicators and suggest a plan of action to the Building Committee.

Steady enrollment growth continues at the William E. Norris School in **Southampton**, at a rate of about one classroom's worth of students each year. A new sixth grade teacher was hired in 1998, and two more regular classroom teachers will be needed by the 1999-2000 school year. It is hoped that the technology classroom can be reopened with a teacher so as to take full advantage of the school building's resources. Results from a pilot Work Sampling program indicate there are benefits in analyzing the quality and substance of student learning using authentic measures of their accomplishment.

In cooperation with the municipal officials, a special maintenance reserve account was created with funds leftover from the school construction project. These funds will be kept available for use in offsetting unanticipated maintenance needs in the future.

This year's annual theme at the **Westhampton** Elementary School is 'Story'. Teachers have engaged in learning Responsive Classroom techniques to strengthen and support learning, improve classroom management, and aid students in learning positive ways to interact with others. The "Reading Recovery" program has offered needy first-graders timely support for learning at a critical time in their development.

The school is very much a community center after school, evenings and weekends, used by youth and adult civic groups. There is still concern looming for future space needs in Westhampton. Enrollment in kindergarten through sixth grade is nearly 160, and the preschool program offered on site has as many as 18 other students.

**Williamsburg** schools have received three competitive technology grants in order to be a "Lighthouse District". These funds are used to support professional growth and development among professionals from more than 60 other school districts and collaboratives across the state in integrating use of technology in education. Two Williamsburg teachers were also honored as recipients of grants to be used for professional development with teachers from around the country. Susan Smith received a grant for "Promoting Mathematical Thinking through the use of Technology" and Karen Schweitzer received a grant for "Creating Digital Archives for Presentation, Reflection and Assessment". The school's foreign language program has been broadened. Kindergarten teacher Morning Star Chenven has implemented instruction in Spanish in grades K – 2. Sixth grade teacher Lisa Peloquin engages students in the study of French at that grade level.

The sum of $50,000 was appropriated by residents to study space needs and projected usefulness of the Helen E. James and Anne T. Dunphy School facilities in accommodating students in the future. Proposals were sought from prospective consultants, and the New England School Development Council, NESDEC, was hired to gather demographic data about the town's growth, and to recommend alternatives for remodeling, renovation and possible building expansion.

The Superintendent's office serves **five separate school districts** and school committees (Hampshire, Chesterfield-Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg) and is located at the High School building. Technological advancements have allowed a reduction of central office staff to four administrators, four secretaries, and part-time, grant-funded coordinators for K-12 Health Education and Preschool programs. All office computers, upgraded to a Pentium level, are Y2K compliant and interconnected with an office server. The district also has a web site and home page, just as the schools do.

Personnel record keeping for nearly 250 employees, and budget functions for each district are centrally coordinated for efficiency and expedience. The business Manager and Superintendent develop annual budgets with each principal and School Committee, then communicate frequently with members of each town's Finance Committee in explaining and presenting the local school and regional budgets. The five budgets collectively total $10.75 million dollars. In 1998, central administrators applied for and received more than $750,000 in state, federal and private source grant funds to financially assist local schools and school districts. In addition, grants for energy rate reductions will have been secured to reduce utility costs for each school. Some towns have benefited from increased state aid over the past few years to bring their school district up to a foundation level of spending.

Curriculum development and alignment of each school's program of instruction with the state curriculum frameworks is also coordinated by the central administration. A Connected Math Program was adopted to serve students in grades 6 through 8, and funded by a grant. The Assistant Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel work closely with the five principals to interpret statewide student assessment results, create alternative support programs for students, and to improve the overall quality of instruction at each school site.

Delegates from the five school committees meet regularly with the five teacher association presidents and principals as part of REBA – the Regional Business and Education Alliance – to strengthen communication and support school improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Erickson, Superintendent

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUST FUND AND CEMETERY COMMISSION AND TRUSTEES OF THE MEEKINS LIBRARY CORPORATION

The Trust Fund Commission is the governing board with the responsibility of overseeing the investment and distribution of the Trust Funds. There are twenty-four funds, totaling almost $2,000,000. These funds are managed by the commission, with the assistance of Prudential Securities. Prudential handles the investments on a day to day basis. This past year, the rate of growth was 18%. The management fees continue to be calculated on a percentage of the investment, rather than on a per transaction basis.

The distribution of the funds covers three major areas - first, student and school matters; secondly, to benefit the poor; and thirdly, specialty matters. Because so many benefactors left specific instructions in their wills that were designed to meet the needs of the town many years ago, the Commissioners are currently reviewing these instructions in order to better utilize the funds as intended; but in a way that meets current times.

The Trust Fund Commission also handles the funds of the Meekins Library now that it is under the ownership of the town. The principal from the original library trust fund is being managed by the Commission as "Trustees of the Meekins Library Corporation". As with all town funds, we have the responsibility of investing the funds and making distributions. Requests are made by the library trustees in the same manner as laid out in the original will. The formula for determining funding levels is the same for the Meekins Library as it is for the school and student areas.

Another responsibility of the Commission is to administer the upkeep of the town cemeteries and the sale of plots.

Our meetings are held every other Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Wilbur Loomis
Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER COMMISSION

The Water Department has had very little change during the last year. We have pumped 79,827,028 gallons of water into our system. We continue to take two bacteria samples each month, and all of the tests have been clean. We also sample for Radionuclides once a year, and the test was below limits. The lead and copper tests were taken the last quarter of this past year, and the samples were all well under the limits for action.

The Sewer Department's Nash Hill project was completed and about seven have tied into the sewer line. We also added the sewer line on Kellogg Road where many have tied into the line. During the next year, Route 9 work will begin. A portion of the Route 9 contract is for the sewer line from the Blacksmith Shop to the Route 143 intersection.

The Water and Sewer Departments are now paying one-half of the salary for a new highway laborer. He is doing some of the work for the Water/Sewer Commission.

Respectfully submitted

Walter E. Kellogg, III
Chairman

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FORM

Residents interested in serving on any of these boards can apply by filling out this form and forwarding it to the Selectmen:

Town Government Talent Bank
c/o Board of Selectmen
P O Box 447, Haydenville, MA 01039-0447

Name_____Telephone #_____

Address_____Occupation_____

Background_____
*Brief description of boards or committees you have served on, if any*

*Number these in the order of your preference*

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| ____ | Conservation Commission | ____ | Finance Committee |
| ____ | Planning Board | ____ | Whiting Street Fund |
| ____ | Board of Appeals | ____ | Wiring Inspector |
| ____ | Historical Commission | ____ | Plumbing Inspector |
| ____ | Capital Planning Committee | ____ | Building Inspector |
| ____ | Assessor | ____ | Trustee of Libraries |
| ____ | Hilltown Community Development Corporation | ____ | Selectman |
| ____ | Water/Sewer Commission | ____ | Treasurer |
| ____ | Board of Health | ____ | Town Collector |
| ____ | Poll Worker | ____ | Town Accountant |
| ____ | Registrar of Voters | ____ | Town Clerk |
| ____ | Council on Aging | ____ | Recreation Committee |
| ____ | Volunteer Driver for Elderly | ____ | Brassworks ReUse Committee |
| ____ | Veterans Agent | ____ | Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission |
| ____ | Call Firefighter | ____ | Memorial Day Committee |
| ____ | Local School Committee | ____ | Regional School Committee |
| ____ | Pioneer Valley Planning Rep | ____ | Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Rep |

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